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RYAN NOBLES: Amid the conflict, China has called for the opening of the Strait of Hormuz, the waterway critical to those rising oil and gas prices, a major concern for Americans, just ahead of the summer travel season. And with the Trump administration under pressure, Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy is facing backlash for his latest project —

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Duffy Under Fire Over New Reality Series]

SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION SEAN DUFFY: We're encouraging everyone to go take a road trip to celebrate America's 250th birthday.

NOBLES: — a family road trip reality show, filled with his wife, Rachel Campos Duffy, both former MTV reality TV stars in the 1990s. Duffy says all of the show's production costs were covered by a nonprofit group instead of taxpayers. That group's sponsors ranging from airlines to corporations like Google and Boeing. Comcast NBC Universal, the parent company of NBC News, is also listed of one of the sponsors.

DUFFY: We said, we're going to do a road trip.

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: I love it.

NOBLES: The Department of Transportation telling NBC News "The Great American Road Trip" is an independent organization, and "how and who they accept donations from is their decision." Democrats raising concerns, including former Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, who called it "brutally out of touch...while regular families can't afford road trips anymore." But the Transportation Department saying that Duffy has worked to make cars more affordable, and telling Democrats to "sit this one out."

DUFFY [on FNC's *Fox & Friends*, 05/08/26]: So, over the course of seven months, we just kind of found these moments.