*Vendetta vs. Free Speech:*

*A call to our Political Leaders*

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What are we now, a NATION of laws where individual freedom, dignity, integrity, and free speech is respected, or are we a NATION that allows radical extremist to take over our government, as well as our Nation’s cities for months rioting, looting, and destroying property, and over running our NATION’s Capitol? These groups say their voices are not being heard by those who have been elected to preserve the principles of *Life, Liberty,* and the *Pursuit of Happiness,* not just for a select few but for all Citizens.

 Are our leaders making *“speeches that impose moral and ethical values on people”*¹ or are they creating inflammatory rhetoric that is insulting, causing discord, and singling out a section of our society and their beliefs? *“The American people deserve the truth from their leaders. They deserve a candid assessment of the progress they have managed in the last years in preventing the worst from happening.”*² *“The very serious difficulties that remain have grave consequences of hasty, reckless, and irresponsible”*³ actions of a rush to judgement by a select few. *“We know that the Sacred Trust cannot expire when the uniform comes off.”*⁴ *“A threat can come from a pile by the side of the road, a seemingly friendly face in the crowd, or from a mortar lobbed into a base.”*⁵ *“We know that the America we live in is the legacy of those who have borne the burden of battle.”*⁶ You *“had a chance to bring this country together with unity of effort and purpose”*⁷ but you decided a path of discourse which has led to division and failure.

 *“One reason to stop fighting the wrong battle…”* and stop the bittering amongst yourselves *“…is so that you can start fighting the right battle”*⁸ against corruption and tyranny. We *“see an America that is the strongest nation in the history of the world, not just because of our arms, but because of the strength of our values, and of the men and women who serve”*⁹ and who have served this country. You *“have obligations to our country that are greater than your personal ambitions. Among those obligations is to debate honestly the issues that involves America’s security and future because so many Americans have sacrificed everything to keep us secure”*¹⁰ and so many Americans now feel they are being overlooked and are disenfranchised from experiencing the American Dream.

 For far too long you have pursued and served your own desires, *“all that is asked of the rest of you is that you do not dishonor the sacrifice by treating the cause that was served so bravely as an opportunity to argue without wisdom; to divide us without care for the consequences; and to advance your individual or partisan interests at the expense of America’s security”*¹¹ and future.

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