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Dear Colleagues,

On January 7, 2019, you stood with us on the House floor on the first day of the 133rd General Assembly and swore the following oath:

“I [] do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and faithfully to discharge and perform all duties incumbent upon me as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, according to the best of my ability and understanding; and this I do as I shall answer unto God.”

We write to remind you of that oath because, last week, you seemed to forget your duty. You sought to overturn the results of a democratic election with vague assertions about “irregularities,” “anomalies,” “misconduct,” “allegations,” “rule changes,” and “unconstitutional actions.” Your letter, urging the Ohio Attorney General to join Texas’s Attorney General in his attack on the democratic election result, did not list one single fact or shred of evidence of anything improper that would justify eliminating the voting rights of millions of U.S. citizens who elected Joe Biden and Kamala Harris our next President and Vice President. On Friday night, the U.S. Supreme Court quickly and properly disposed of the frivolous lawsuit, refusing to even consider the case.

You have made a serious error in judgment and we urge you to renounce your prior statements. The U.S. Constitution, you will recall, states: “No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof.”

Today, the Electoral College is meeting across the country and the electors are casting their votes for the duly elected President and Vice President of this nation. In a historic achievement, this country has elected its first woman Vice President, a woman of color. You should join with the rest of the country in accepting the results of our democratic

election. In each state where legal challenges were brought, courts found that the state's election processes were followed and the vote was proper and legitimate. By your actions, you are attacking the democratic process of elections that once made the United States a model for other countries to emulate. You should recommit to recognizing and respecting the value and dignity of every voter's voice.

On January 4, 2021, most of you will take this oath again. We will swear to uphold the Constitution of the state of Ohio and the Constitution of the United States. We each take on this role to work for Ohioans and focus on our districts' issues and challenges. We urge you to strongly consider what your word means. When you give your word to the people of Ohio to uphold the Constitution, to uphold democracy, we expect you to keep your word. Ohioans expect you to keep your word.

Yours in service and commitment to this country,



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