

<param>Helvetica</param>Your Honor,

To The Judge at Trial

All Americans are protected by our Constitution, which says at the very top of our Bill of Rights, that "Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

That is the highest law in the land, is it not?

Under what legal authority, then, was I dragged away from my Capitol Building in shackles, when I entered peaceably, and peaceably did nothing more than read, word for word, that very Bill of Rights in a calm voice? What country is this, Your Honor, where we do not have the right to peaceably assemble, where we do not have the right to petition the government for a redress of our grievances, and where we are not allowed speech in our own hall?

The grievance I was there to stand against is the fact that ordinary citizens are no longer represented in Congress, because special interests have bought and paid for our elected representatives and corroded the process of free elections.

We are taxed without representation. More importantly, the graves of one million Americans who have died under our flags are being spat upon by those who think our democracy is theirs to sell to the highest bidder.

You honor, I have pled guilty because I do not dispute what is charged: I spoke freely in the halls of what used to be my own government.

Thank you.