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Good morning, dear fellow Americans!

Soon, we will all march to the White House to give physical witness to our concern that America's values lay in tatters as a result of Mr. Bush's sociopathy.

Others this morning will speak to his shameful record. Others will count the lost lives and limbs and national honor that are the high costs of his madness --of his damaged conscience.

But I am here this morning to tell the Members of Congress that, although we march to the White House now, our hopes and hearts and expectations look backward down this street to Congress.

Every Member of Congress has taken an oath of office to uphold the Constitution.

But what of us? The highest office in a Republic, of course, is the citizen. Why is it that we do not take an oath of office? Let us swear each other in today, for we have hard work ahead. Raise your right hand, if you can, if you dare, and repeat after me:

*I do solemnly swear  
that I will support and defend  
the Constitution of the United States  
against all enemies, foreign and domestic;  
So help me God.*

Now what are our duties? To sit by and allow the destruction of a free democracy?

Indeed, not.

To allow the rise of a dictatorship, which is the only name for a state where the president calls himself commander and proposes to be above all laws?

Indeed not.

Our responsibility is clear, and our main duty now is to elect a Congress this year that will uphold its oath. incumbent or not, Democrat or not.

If you Democrat incumbents are listening, do not think the old donkey has a skirt you can hide under to avoid doing your duty that is upon you this day, this year. We have no use for you if you will not uphold the notion that no man is above the law in this great Republic. It is time for you to demand impeachment hearings, for the President has declared war on law and the Constitution, and you have no choice. You have your duty now.

To adopt the harsh language of the day, you are for the Republic or you are against it, and the people are prepared to see you ridden out of town, feathered and on a rail if you are against this Republic--this Republic for which so many of our sons and daughters have died, and atop whose columns all our dreams for a better world are yet inscribed.

Citizens, think of the oath that our Congressmen and women have taken:

For them to make excuses for this budding dictator, or to say it is far too early to talk about impeachment--is this savvy politics or is it, to their oath, betrayal?

(Jim, lead the crowd, if necessary, with "betrayal!")

Think of the oath that our Congressmen and women have taken:

For them to turn the other cheek when a corruptly-elected President uses lies to start a war and kill our children, is this hesitation a calculated moderation, is it keeping one's powder dry for a better moment, or is it, to their oath, betrayal?

(crowd response)

Think of the oath that our Congressmen and women have taken:

For them to go to lunch and raise their campaign dollars while a mad President orders the torture of human beings, against all the world's civilized conventions, is this the way things go, or is this, to their oath, betrayal?

(crowd response)

Congressmen and Congresswomen, you share in the crimes of a criminal President if you have gone along as his Quislings, his enablers, his cowardly house dogs. We send you here to be the check. We send you here to be the balance. If you will not be that, you betray your oath. You betray America and its ideals in a criminal way. You will be unshowered from your offices in tar and feathers and, while I speak in metaphors, an angry America should give you pause, for an angry America does not act in metaphors.

I ask my fellow citizens to take action in their own towns and at their local offices of their

Members of Congress. Let us coordinate our actions at Tar and Feathers.org and be at their gates with our demands that they fulfill their oaths and protect our Constitution, our Republic.

We are a serious nation, a serious people, upset that our Constitution is at risk from the most corrupt band of criminals ever to occupy the White House and the Congress.

Our Members of Congress do not think themselves corrupt. They think that wealthy interests send them big checks because they are fans of good government. In their deep hearts, of course, they know better. They need to wake up to what they have become, before we the people come to pull them from their high horses in shame.

We are not joking. We are a serious people.

Members of Congress, hear me. You have your high salaries. You have your lifetime health care. You have your lifetime pensions. You have your free dining halls and free trips around the world and your limousines. We are used to pampering you and we will allow you all these things even now, even forever, if you will do one thing: if you will uphold your oath of office in this time of our Constitution's great crisis. Or else we will send ordinary Citizens here who can read and follow an oath, and who will earn the pay of ordinary Americans and, like ordinary Americans, scramble to find health care and old age security. Then let us see what laws are passed to serve all the people.

Let me propose a new law. Let me propose that it shall, under the law, be a criminal conflict of interest if a Member of Congress acts on any issue, votes on any issue, which might give the appearance of favoring any group or individual who bankrolls their political career through campaign contributions, perks, or job offers for themselves, their family, or their staff. It is not only money which corrupts the Capitol, but there is also a corruption of ideas. Members will vote more to the right or more to the left than they would otherwise do, to curry donations. Let's get rid of the donations.

If such a law is passed, only a few minutes will expire before they also pass the free television time and the public financing of campaigns needed to restore our Republic to its people.

Let the list of those who will introduce and cosponsor such a conflict of interest law, and who will act now to preserve our Constitution, be the only list of men and women we will support in the coming elections. And to the others, let history sweep them away, along with Mr. Abramoff and Mr. Bush and this corrupt band of traitors to our Constitution.

Do not applaud me as I step down now, for I dislike what I am saying.

But, Citizens, if you agree with the necessity of these words, shout "Save the Republic!"

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three times, loud so they might hear us on both ends of this street of ours.

Thank you!