

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 10, 2024.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 10, 2024, at 3:39 p.m.

That the Senate passed S. 3448.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk.

ILLEGAL ALIENS IN THE UNITED
STATES

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, as you know, there are well over 10 million illegals living in our country brought in by this administration: gang members, rapists, terrorists, Communist Chinese spies.

We have allowed Americans to be killed. More will be killed until, I am afraid, this administration is changed.

The sad part is that we funded this. Not me, but my friends across the aisle and some of my Republican colleagues.

This President and Democrats don't care. They see these people as one thing: blue votes, Mr. Speaker. They don't care what the heck happens to Americans. They never have, and I don't think they ever will.

They are losing every single demographic of voters. It is very obvious to me what is going on. They are hoping these people will replace the ones they have lost either through the Census or at the polls themselves.

Most Republicans claim to be against illegal immigration. They are not just against funding it, Mr. Speaker.

Folks need to vote. We need to elect folks that believe in the American way. Let's take our dadgum country back, Mr. Speaker. Let's take back our schools, take back our healthcare system, and take back our jobs.

FOSTERING A POSITIVE LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT

(Ms. HOULAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, as a former chemistry teacher, I understand how challenging fostering a positive learning environment can be. While technology can be a resource, it can also cause irreparable harm if not used properly.

Our community in Malvern, Pennsylvania, experienced a gross abuse of technology when teachers at the Great Valley Middle School were targeted by eighth grade students who set up fake TikTok accounts impersonating them and posting offensive and very hurtful content.

This wasn't a prank. It was a blatant misuse of social media, violating basic rules of human decency. It is inappropriate, regardless of a child's age, or whether the school is public, charter, or private.

These teachers are questioning why they continue in a profession where they can be so casually targeted, and I don't blame them. This incident highlights the misuse of technology and how it disturbs the classroom and stunts the growth of empathy.

We must confront this crisis in schools and our homes as well. Each of us has a responsibility to foster civility and decency. Our teachers deserve and expect our support. Anything less is unacceptable.

REMEMBERING BRYAN R. LEMONS

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of Bryan Lemons. Bryan was chief counsel for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, FLETC, in Glynco, Georgia.

Bryan oversaw the legal training provided for Federal, State, local, and international law enforcement officers.

Before his selection as chief counsel, he served as the assistant director for the Mission and Readiness Support Directorate.

Across four separate training sites as assistant director, he oversaw \$225 million in service contracts to help train over 70,000 students.

In his many years with FLETC, Bryan worked hard to ensure our Federal law enforcement agents received the highest caliber training possible.

Bryan was also a proud Marine Corps veteran where he served as defense attorney, prosecuting attorney, and senior legal adviser for executive level managers until 1999 when he made the move to FLETC.

In 2022, Bryan received the DHS Secretary's Exceptional Service Gold Medal Award.

I send my deepest condolences and prayers to Bryan's wife and to his four children.

TRUMP TAX SCAM

(Ms. PORTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, 7 years ago, the trump tax scam let the largest corporations off the hook from paying their fair share of taxes.

The Trump administration bogusly claimed that slashing the corporate tax rate would raise the average household's annual income by at least \$4,000.

Unsurprisingly, economists from the Joint Committee on Taxation and the Federal Reserve found that never happened. Seven years later, the bottom 90 percent of workers still haven't received higher earnings from the tax cut.

Where did the extra money from Trump's tax changes go? Straight to the very tippy-top highest paid earners. They used them to line the pockets of their already wealthy executives and shareholders with \$4.4 trillion in stock buybacks and dividends. Congress must end this rip-off.

REPUBLICAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS
FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Ohio). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. MOORE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I am thrilled to be back on the House floor with my colleagues to host a Special Order on the many things House Republicans are doing on behalf of the American people.

This week, we are working hard to protect consumer choice, our elections, and our national security. We have brought to the floor the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act, the SAVE Act, to defend our elections from foreign involvement and ensuring only American citizens have the right to vote in our Nation's elections.

This is commonsense legislation that would require proof of citizenship to register to vote, which is more and more critical as our borders remain wide open and our immigration crisis continues.

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The argument on this particular bill is that it is already law that you have to be an American citizen to vote in Federal elections. We all know that. It is also illegal to continue to cross the border. We have to take action to safeguard our elections, and we are doing that this week.

We also passed the Refrigerator Freedom Act and the Stop Unaffordable Dishwasher Standards Act which protects consumer choice in home appliances.

As Democrats continue to push for burdensome regulations and bans that

are not feasible, affordable, or reliable, House Republicans are advocating for American families and their ability to choose the home appliances that suit their needs and budget. We don't want to be having to bring this legislation up. This is nonsensical regulation that shouldn't exist, and we need to make sure consumers have simple choices and that manufacturers have the opportunity to make good products. They will make the products that consumers want and that consumers need. Consumers are responsible. We have to allow that to happen.

We will also consider the Fiscal Year 2025 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, which ensures Congress can better serve the American people with tools to pursue fiscal responsibility while maintaining essential resources for congressional oversight among other provisions to support staff offices and the Capitol Police.

The need for congressional oversight of the Biden administration has never been more important as inflation continues to burden Americans and the crisis at our southern border threatens the safety of communities across the Nation.

I thank my colleagues for joining me this evening to speak on these important topics. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE).

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the vice chairman for yielding me time tonight.

Mr. Speaker, election officials from my home State of Tennessee are perplexed as to why they are not allowed to certify U.S. citizenship when registering individuals to vote. Oftentimes, they tell me it is against Federal law, and they have no idea why.

That is why today the House passed the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act or the SAVE Act, which will update this archaic and idiotic impediment to securing our Nation's elections. Not only will it allow State election officials to ask prospective voters to certify their citizenship status, but it will require it by law.

My friends on the left and in the mainstream media love to argue how voting in American elections as a non-citizen is already illegal. Well, Mr. Speaker, so is entering our country illegally through the southern border. That doesn't seem to stop progressive Democrats or the Biden administration from welcoming them into our communities with open arms.

Additionally, in order to certify one's citizenship, the SAVE Act requires an individual to actually provide proof of citizenship in order to register to vote. Again, my friends would argue that this isn't necessary because it is already illegal for noncitizens to vote in Federal elections. Well, how do we currently confirm people's citizenship status? We require would-be voters to swear but not prove that they are U.S. citizens.

Democrats love to imagine a world that exists where no one, I repeat no

one, is lying when filling out these applications because according to them, illegal immigrants don't vote in our elections. Give me a break.

The SAVE Act is as common sense as it gets. It protects what is most sacred to Americans—their right to vote. It allows State officials to accept a wide variety of documents to make it easy to register, provide States with access to Federal databases so that they can remove noncitizens from their rolls, and it requires the Department of Homeland Security to notify a State chief election official whenever an individual has been naturalized to ensure that our newest citizens who come to America the right way can exercise their right to vote.

I truly have no idea why anyone would be opposed to this bill, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps those opposed fear that with 100 percent secure and safe elections in the United States that they would not remain competitive in the next election. I truly can't think of any other reason to not vote for this bill.

It is no secret, Mr. Speaker. The Democrats have started saying the quiet part out loud. Letting millions of illegal immigrants into our country and letting them vote—that is their plan.

Republicans have a different plan for America—one built on honesty, safety, security, and accountability.

I stand in support of the millions of Americans who feel like their priorities, their votes, are being thrown away by each illegal immigrant voting in American elections. That is why I rise in support of the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility or SAVE Act.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, the point that the gentleman makes about he just doesn't understand why anyone would be against this, as I have seen the arguments for this, it is so simple, and it is so clear. There is no reason to be against this.

The American people are concerned about this. We clearly see now this isn't just a conservative talking point that there is a problem at the southern border. This is a widespread massive issue with all Americans recognizing that this is a problem. We have gotten to the point now where Democrats are willing to admit that this is a major problem.

The point of this legislation is to remove noncitizens from voter rolls making sure that American citizens—again, it is already illegal to do what is going on at the border. Americans are right to be concerned about this seeping into our elections and municipalities and random States here or there allowing for it to take place at the municipal level, and then the voter rolls get built up, and then they end up voting for the next election because the voter rolls are overlapped.

We have to do a better job safeguarding it. That is why Mr. ROSE's point is so clear—why would anyone be against this? This is not an effort to

just divide Congress like so many times that happens here. We need to make sure we are safeguarding this.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BABIN).

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Utah, Mr. MOORE, for having this Special Order, which is so important.

Mr. Speaker, if it was not abundantly clear already to the American people before, it certainly is now. Democrats want noncitizens to vote in our Federal elections. They can't deny it now. There is no other way to spin this. They want to allow noncitizens to vote. They are certainly no longer even hiding that fact anymore.

Today, we voted on the SAVE Act, a bill that requires individuals to provide proof of citizenship when registering to vote in Federal elections and provides States with access to existing Federal databases so that they can clean up their voter registration rolls and remove noncitizens and even dead people from the rolls.

It is a commonsense bill that nearly 80 percent of voters are in support of. Yet, my colleagues across the aisle refused to support it.

Why is this? Well, the truth is simple. It is un-American, and as ridiculous and as outlandish as it is, the Democrats want foreign nationals to decide our Nation's elections, and they want them voting in their favor.

This is not a conspiracy. This is not a theory. This is a fact. Hundreds of noncitizens are already registered to vote in local elections right here in Washington, D.C., alone, but the left doesn't know when to stop.

It isn't enough to dismantle our national security by implementing open-border policies that give our adversaries easier access to the United States.

It isn't enough to blindly catch and release millions of unvetted illegal aliens and criminals and suspected terrorists all on the taxpayer's dime.

It isn't even enough that Americans are dying at the hands of those illegal border crossers or by the deadly drugs that they smuggle into the country by the hundreds of thousands every single day.

Every year, over 100,000 Americans are dying of overdoses. Joe Biden could end the illegal invasion taking place in my home State of Texas and other border States overnight, but, instead, the President and his party continue to twist the knife taking the border crisis one step further and eroding our most precious right as Americans, and that is the right to vote, the sacred right to vote.

Republicans will not stand by, I can tell you this, and allow this lawless travesty to unfold and one-party rule to take root in the United States of America.

The SAVE Act is critical to safeguard election integrity, something today's progressive Democrats clearly oppose. Is this even the same Democratic Party that I remember from just

a few decades ago, much less 50 years ago? It seems to have gone off the rails into the far-left Marxist arena and realm now.

I ask American citizens to please take note, take note of these Democrats that are voting against this bill and our President's foolish promise to veto it. Yes, your eyes are not lying. They did.

We are witnessing an attempt by the Democratic Party to simply hijack U.S. elections on a permanent basis. We cannot ever allow this to happen. If the grand experiment that is the United States of America is to continue for another 248 years, we must act now to ensure that only Americans can vote in American elections.

The law is clear. Only U.S. citizens can vote. Why do the Democrats not want voters to prove that they are U.S. citizens when they register and vote?

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I can't emphasize that last point enough. It is already law. This is extra safeguards because of the mayhem that we have seen at the border. The only way to control this is to make sure that we have American citizens showing that they are allowed to vote and then being able to clean up voter rolls.

Mr. BABIN. Amen.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. It is simple. This is not a partisan issue. There are many partisan issues here, and we know they are going to be partisan, and this is not meant to be. I will share more on that in a minute.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARRINGTON), one of my closest colleagues and de facto mentors, someone I shared a significant passion with on getting our debt and deficit under control. He has a message here that is even more important, I believe. He will share a message on what I believe is one of the most important things: supporting our community members.

HONORING DAVE SMITH

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Utah, my dear friend, fellow warrior for fiscal responsibility, and one of my favorite Members who is in the trenches fighting for the future of this country and to ensure that we don't bankrupt it but that we preserve the freedom and opportunities for our children. I know he loves his family, and that love manifests in the way he conducts himself here in Washington and his leadership. I thank him for that.

Mr. Speaker, I thank him for the opportunity to rise to honor the life and legacy of a dear friend of mine, Officer Dave Smith. He passed away a couple weeks ago. This is a man that I met in a very interesting and dubious way. I was pulled over for speeding. I wasn't driving at the time. This was in my first term, my first campaign for Congress. Out of the car comes this almost 7-foot gigantic man who looked like he was going to throw me in jail, and, instead, I got a warning; but better than that, I got a friend for life, a brother in

Christ for eternity, and I just couldn't imagine the kind of relationship I would have with this very special man.

Dave would call me from time to time and leave the most encouraging messages. He was, like I said, almost 7 feet tall. He was a giant of a man. His stature was only eclipsed by the size of his heart—for God, for family, and for this country. I always looked forward to hearing the voicemails he would leave me and the encouraging words, the affirming words. He would say: "Keep your head up." He would say: "Keep your eyes on the Lord." He would say: "Keep fighting the good fight because we need you."

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I have kept those, Mr. Speaker, on my phone, and I listened to them the other day before I went to his funeral. I think about Barnabas, the son of encouragement in the Bible. I can tell you, Dave Smith was my Barnabas. I cherish the friendship. I will cherish those words of encouragement.

His funeral was a celebration the way I would want my funeral to be. It was a testament to a life well lived, a life well lived because of the people like me whose lives he touched, for the service that he gave day in and day out to protect and serve his community as an educator, as a law enforcement officer, as a mentor, as a coach. It was a testament to the family he loved so dearly.

All of his children, eight in total, were there at the funeral. The Bible says in Proverbs that a good man will deposit an inheritance for his children and his children's children. Let me be clear, watching his son Brennon stand in that pulpit and love on his dad and honor his dad, it was clear. You could see the leadership, the love, and the character in his oldest son. It was clear to me that that proverb had been fulfilled, that Dave Smith left his children and his community a good inheritance.

It was also a homecoming celebration because as believers, the Bible teaches us that while we grieve the loss of our friends and family members, it says that we are not to grieve as the world grieves because of those promises, the promises that we hear often quoted, the promises of God that whoever believes in his Son shall not perish but live forever. I know that was a promise that Officer Dave Smith believed with all of his heart.

We lost one of west Texas' finest in Big Dave Smith. I know Taneka lost her husband, his family lost their father, the world lost a bright light, and I lost a friend and brother in Christ, but he is not lost. He is alive and well today, maybe more so than ever. He is home. He is with his Heavenly Father. He has inherited that promise, eternal life.

Because he was so dedicated to his faith, I am going to end with a scripture verse that I hope encourages everybody who would listen to this commemorative set of remarks for Dave Smith.

In Romans 8:38-39, Paul is writing to the church at Rome, and he says: "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

He is home. He is present with his Heavenly Father. I would just say to Taneka and his family that we will be with him again one day in paradise for all eternity. That is the hope we have.

I thank brother Dave Smith. I know he is resting on high. I know I will see him again.

God bless the Smith family. God bless our great country.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I share my condolences and offer them to the Smith family, as well. It was a beautiful tribute, and I appreciate the gentleman for highlighting these amazing community members who sacrifice so much.

I thank, as we wrap up, my Republican colleagues for being here and taking time to speak on some of the most pressing issues facing our Nation week in and week out that we are here as we try to advance various initiatives.

Congress is a tough place. The House of Representatives tends to be a more partisan body where we have a lot more partisan fights. The Senate tends to be a more collaborative body where you try to pass a filibuster.

All of that being said, the work that we did this week should not be that. We have a massive immigration problem in our Nation. Right now, we have a border with inept policies that are allowing illegal immigration to run rampant in our country.

We have to get this under control, but one of the negative externalities from this that will be dangerous to the future of our Nation is if our elections are not safeguarded.

The SAVE Act this week was a very simple measure. It was not intended to be partisan in any way to simply say American citizens are allowed to vote in Federal elections and we can take steps to prove that American citizenship, as well as remove noncitizens from voter rolls. That is the intent of the legislation. It should be basic and simple, but here we are.

This is, again, the reason why House Republicans put the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act on the floor, as I mentioned the things that it highlights.

Again, we are at this place where it became partisan, and Democrats opposed the bill. Perhaps an attempt to weaponize our elections benefits immigrants who illegally enter our country and advance the far-left agenda.

We have evidence of noncitizens voting in U.S. elections in Massachusetts, Ohio, Virginia, and more. Americans are concerned about this. The outcomes of our elections can carry significant consequences for the direction of our Nation. We cannot allow those

who do not legally live here to influence our policy decisions through elected government.

This legislation will ensure our elections stay fair, democratic, and reflective of the American people. I am hopeful that the Senate will see the value and the intent of this.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for sharing their message, and I yield back the balance of my time.

INTRODUCING ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT AGAINST ASSOCIATE JUSTICES THOMAS AND ALITO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce Articles of Impeachment against Associate Justices of the Supreme Court Clarence Thomas and Samuel Anthony Alito, Jr.

Against Justice Thomas, the resolution includes three total articles: one count of failure to disclose financial income, gifts and reimbursements, property interests, liabilities, and transactions, among other information, and two counts of refusal to recuse from matters concerning his spouse's legal and financial interests before the Court.

The second resolution includes the following Articles of Impeachment against Justice Alito: one count of refusal to recuse from cases in which he had a personal bias or prejudice concerning a party before the Court, and one count of failure to disclose financial income, gifts and reimbursements, property interests, among other information.

Mr. Speaker, nomination and appointment to the Supreme Court is one of the highest privileges and most consequential responsibilities of our Nation. Such an appointment is uniquely insulated in its power. Confirmation to the Court is a lifetime appointment whereby Justices are entrusted with decisions that powerfully shape the Nation as well as the lives of every American.

For this reason and others, the Constitution rightfully and explicitly holds Justices to even higher standards than Members of Congress or even the President. Section 1 of Article III of the Constitution commands Federal Justices to "hold their offices during good behavior," in addition to its clauses barring treason, bribery, and other high crimes and misdemeanors.

Congress has exercised its power to reinforce this higher standard of the judiciary before. This body has impeached and removed eight Federal judges for transgressions ranging from evading income tax and perjury to intoxication on the bench and abandoning the office to join the Confederacy.

Perhaps most critical to the legitimacy of the institution, these judicial standards require Justices to recuse themselves in any proceeding where their impartiality might reasonably be questioned.

In other words, if a person could reasonably believe that the legitimacy of a Justice's judgment could be, or be perceived to be, compromised due to their personal involvement in the case or its parties, the standard is clear: The Justice must recuse. They are required to recuse.

That stringent and sacred standard exists for the good of the ruling, the judiciary, and the country.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that everyday Americans, independent of party or ideology, can reasonably conclude that Justices Thomas and Alito's yearslong pattern of misconduct and failure to recuse in cases bearing their clear personal and financial involvement represents an abuse of power and threat to our democracy fundamentally incompatible with continued service on our Nation's highest court.

For the good of the institution and the Nation, absent resignation, they must be removed. The proof is undeniable, and here I will lay it out.

Justice Clarence Thomas for decades now has carried on a close, financially entangled personal relationship with real estate billionaire Harlan Crow. It is of material importance to the American people to note that Justice Thomas' relationship to the billionaire only began after Thomas' powerful appointment to our Nation's highest court.

The cash, goods, and services Justice Thomas received over the years include large loan balance cancellations, tuition payments for family, and vacations in private jets and yachts worth up to half a million dollars alone. In total, Justice Thomas appears to have received \$1.5 million worth in goods, cash equivalents, and services from Mr. Crow.

That is just what we know of. Truthfully, we won't ever really know the total sum of contributions Justice Thomas received from Mr. Crow.

Justice Thomas not only accepted these contributions while Mr. Crow had business in front of the Court, but he accepted them in secret, failing for years and years to report them. Yet, Thomas did report smaller gifts during this time, demonstrating a clear understanding of his legal obligation to report.

Would a reasonable American question that receiving lavish gifts from Mr. Crow might lead Justice Thomas to have a bias toward his "friend" with business before the Court? Without a doubt, yes. But did Justice Thomas recuse? No.

Now, take Justice Samuel Alito, who has no shortage of billionaire associates of his own. After billionaire Paul Singer gave Justice Alito a luxury fishing trip via private jet, a contribution that was also hidden from the public and the Court, Justice Alito not only

refused to recuse but changed his mind regarding his gracious host's case. Just a short time after accepting the lavish undisclosed trip from Mr. Singer, Alito joined the Court in reversing its previous position and took up Mr. Singer's case. He did not recuse.

Justice Alito also refused to recuse in the case itself, ultimately leading to a ruling that netted Mr. Singer \$2.4 billion.

That ruling did not just enrich Mr. Singer. It also structurally tilted the playing field further away from working people and toward the vulture funds siphoning money away from the communities that need them most.

Could a reasonable American question whether or not Justice Alito could have acted impartially in this case given his personal relationship with Mr. Singer?

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Absolutely.

In January 2021, after the former President of the United States incited an insurrection on the Capitol in this Chamber to interfere with the results of the U.S. election, Justice Samuel Alito and his wife flew an upside-down American flag, a symbol of solidarity with their attack, outside their home.

Two years later, they publicly displayed outside their home yet another incendiary symbol: a flag associated with extreme rightwing Christian nationalism.

Justice Alito maintains that his wife Martha-Ann Alito is the only one responsible for the flags, but common sense maintains that such a close and incendiary revelation requires recusal by the Justice from January 6-related cases.

Despite the overwhelming appearance of a conflict of interest, Justice Alito refused to recuse himself from cases surrounding the 2020 election and questions of the former President's legal immunity in the attack.

Would a reasonable person question that Justice Alito's conduct exhibits and demonstrates reasonable concern for bias in these cases?

Absolutely and without question.

Finally, Justice Thomas, who is married to Virginia Thomas, a financially and personally involved operative in the stop the steal movement and Capitol attack, also joined opinions in these cases, even as clear evidence mounted that not only was his wife fully committed to overthrowing the results of a fair election, but she was actively lobbying members of the Trump administration attempting to do just that.

The questions before the Court had unquestionable implications for Thomas' wife and consequently Thomas himself making his refusal to recuse one of the most shocking examples of conflict of interest in the Court's history. Crucially, it was both Justices Thomas and Alito who cast critical votes in the ruling.

It now follows that because of Alito's and Thomas' refusals to recuse, everyday Americans cannot, should not, and