



Congress Must Defend Democracy

A constitutional crisis is unfolding. Americans' freedoms, the Constitution, and our democracy are at **imminent risk** due to executive overreach. The President has issued Executive Orders and taken actions that are not based in any authority granted by Congress, violate the US Constitution and federal law, and undermine the foundations of our democratic system.

Examples of Unconstitutional Executive Actions

The administration has sought to:

- Seize power from Congress and the states to set voter registration rules
- End birthright citizenship for some persons born in the US
- Pause distribution of congressionally allocated federal funds
- Dismantle key federal agencies such as USAID and the CFPB
- Allow unelected, unvetted individuals access to sensitive citizen data
- Reduce the federal workforce without due process

Why This Matters

The Constitution guarantees a **system of checks and balances** across the legislative, executive, and judicial branches. These checks are not optional; they are essential to freedom and the functioning of a healthy democracy. When the executive branch acts unilaterally and outside of its authority, it threatens the rule of law and endangers the rights of all Americans.

Our Message to Congress

Congress has both the **authority and the obligation** to respond:

- **Article I** of the Constitution grants Congress the power to legislate and control federal spending.
- The President **cannot override** these decisions with unilateral action.
- Congress must uphold its **oath to support and defend the Constitution**.

Congress must take immediate action to:

- Assert Congress's power to legislate on voting rights
- Reject the President's unconstitutional attempts to end birthright citizenship
- Ensure the release of congressionally allocated funds
- Prevent the dismantling of critical federal agencies
- Safeguard citizen data from unvetted individuals
- Defend the rights of federal employees to due process

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