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“Clear and Present Danger”¹

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Testifying before the January 6 Committee, the highly respected, very conservative appellate judge J. Michael Luttig described Donald Trump and his allies as “a Clear and Present danger to American democracy.”

We are rightly celebrating the defeat of every election denier who ran for the highest office responsible for overseeing voting in any swing state – the only election denier who won was in deep-red Indiana. Yet many election deniers were elected or reelected to the House, beginning with the barely sane Marjorie Taylor Greene.

Indeed, the overwhelming majority of Republican representatives who challenged Biden’s election were themselves reelected, albeit by smaller margins in some cases.

Moreover, Donald Trump is merely a symptom of the disease that has been the Republican Party for decades before Trump became a Republican. If the claim that Donald Trump won the 2020 election is a Big Lie, it was built atop another Big Lie – one that Republicans have been spewing for decades, namely, that voter fraud is rampant.

Long before Rudy Giuliani admitted to former Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers that, “We’ve got lots of theories, we just don’t have the evidence,” Republicans have failed to find evidence of systemic voter fraud sufficient to change elections,

The decades-long record of failure begins with a DOJ investigation under George W. Bush and continues through the commission established by Donald Trump to prove that millions of votes were stolen in the 2016 election.

Most comical and ridiculous is the “Election Fraud Database” maintained by The Heritage Foundation, which proves the opposite. The “1,384 proven instances of voter fraud” trumpeted by the online database, which extends back into the 1990s, translate into about one instance per state per year

Although our worst fears were averted in the midterms, we must not forget – and we must constantly remind others, particularly members of the So-Called Liberal Media – that the threat to our democracy is far from ended.

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