



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Glenn Youngkin
Governor

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Dear Senators,

The General Assembly's actions yesterday yet again reveal the blatant hypocrisy and political opportunism driving this week's entire charade. Ironically, the same members claiming to defend democracy voted to suppress debate and blocked the legislature from taking a stand against political violence—including the political violence aimed towards at least four current members of the General Assembly and the former Speaker of the House of Delegates. One of those members spoke passionately and emotionally on the House floor about her personal experience with political violence and threats against her life and was promptly reprimanded by the Speaker for sharing her story. Another House member dared to speak the truth about the Democrat candidate for attorney general's imagining the death of the children of the then-Speaker of the House, and the Speaker called the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove her from the chamber. Yesterday was not a proud day for the General Assembly of Virginia, and I suspect you know that.

The restriction of debate and the demeaning of the seriousness of the cancer of political violence affecting our country today cannot be excused. The people's business deserves to be conducted in the open with thoughtful, spirited debate and discussion, not stifled with time limits and arbitrary rules for debate and questioning in committee. This pattern of behavior, from rejecting the condemnation of political violence to limiting legitimate debate, shows the General Assembly leadership's contempt for both process and principle. This is not leadership, it is a desperate clinging to power. Virginians deserve representatives who act out of conviction, not convenience. Every citizen of Virginia is represented in the Senate of Virginia and sadly, the Democrat majority let them all down yesterday.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Youngkin".
Glenn Youngkin