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I want to be perfectly clear: this is who we are dealing with. This is what the Republican Party is. There's no negotiating with this. There's no cooperating with this. If they take what power we have to stop them, this will be national policy.

So that means a few things. <https://t.co/Jroq24hpQi>

Yes, we have to turn out and vote in November. Period.

I know you are sick of hearing this from national leaders in our party. I'm sick of it too. But it's completely true. If Republicans take over the House and Senate, this will be their agenda.

But it's not just holding Congress. The most retrograde, cruel anti-abortion laws in the country are being pushed at the state level. Turning out to vote for your state reps and governors is just as important as your Members and Senators.

You might be voting for judges who have enormous power to shape policy in your state.

Even your city councils and school boards are crucial. This policy for example, requiring teachers to out trans kids, was made by just 4 school board members.

<https://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/education/2022/06/29/leon-county-school-board-approves-lgbtq-guide-dont-sa>

I want to be clear on something else, too. I understand why hearing "you just gotta vote" rings so hollow. You voted already. You gave Dems unified control of the government. And now when you ask "what can we do?" all you're hearing is "vote again."

You think that's BS. Me too.

To begin with, we've got multiple Senators who refuse to allow us to use the legislature as a check against this corrupt, illegitimate SCOTUS. These Senators have a "D" next to their name. And they stand in the way of our agenda just as much as the ones with an "R."

That means no changes to the filibuster. It means not passing popular bills like Biden's Build Back Better, or Child Tax Credit, or voting rights.

If we want people to vote for us we cannot allow members of our own party to stop us from doing what they elected us to do!

But even with a broken Congress, the executive branch can do so much.

We can allow providers to operate on federal land.

We can provide nationwide access to abortion pills through the USPS.

We can assist people who need to travel to states where abortion is legal.

And we can provide federal funding to states like Minnesota and Illinois - the only two states in the midwest where abortion remains accessible - to ensure we can provide care for every person who now finds themselves living in a state

that represses them.

Finally, we can fight back against this unprecedented moment of judicial illegitimacy.

We have to treat this court as the threat to democracy that it is.

The GOP has won the national popular vote *once* in the last 30 years and appointed 5 of the current justices over that period, including a stolen seat.

And most lied under oath during their confirmations.

But this brings me back to my original point.

You have to vote.

We have to give you a reason to.

Asking for your vote - and your money! - while doing nothing to protect you or stand in the way of these monsters is nonsense.

I'm doing everything in my power as a single Member of Congress to stand in the way of this Republican Party.

This Party that tells a 10-year-old girl that the pregnancy resulting from her rape is a gift. This Party that takes trans kids away from their parents.

The bottom line is:

You don't owe us your vote. We owe you our leadership.

We owe you our fidelity.

We owe you what we promised you.

So, yes. I'm asking you to vote. And to demand that the people you vote for follow through on their promises.

They owe it to you.