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DA Krasner Event: Protect Our Democracy Rally

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What we saw unfold in the PA House yesterday was nothing short of a disgrace. To know that the Pennsylvania state legislature is prioritizing disingenuous theatrics instead of addressing real issues facing residents of this commonwealth is simply reprehensible. And let's be clear, yesterday's outrageous decision to hold DA Krasner in contempt was an egregious extension of an ongoing effort to wrestle control from a progressive District Attorney who is seeking to not only address the real crises we are facing in our city but to do so in a fair and equitable manner.

We know that the criminal justice system is often really the criminal injustice system. It is a system rooted in systemic racism, a system that is so deeply stacked against Black and brown people.

So, is the state legislature working to address these systems of deep seated inequities? No. They're working on a wrongheaded path to impeach DA Krasner and ignore the will of Philadelphia's voters?

Our city is facing multiple crises right now, including a devastating gun violence emergency, and you know what the answer is not? It is not

circumventing voters and removing DA Krasner from office. The real truth is that the crisis of gun violence is a complex issue, and to solve it will take real commitment from all local parties AND the state legislature.

It will take real, systemic investment in public education, in community organizations, and into proven programs. And it will take meaningful changes in gun laws at every level of government. By the way, why can't we enact tougher gun laws in Philadelphia? You guessed it. Harrisburg.

This campaign to impeach Larry Krasner is a charade, and it's a charade that is not good for the people of Philadelphia. We need and demand resources, equity, and justice. Not this.