

## **Cabarrus County Republican Party Declaration 20 March 2021**

*The Republican Party of Cabarrus County, North Carolina*, believes we are living in unprecedented, frightening political times. We also believe that to remain viable as a major political party, Republicans must defend and preserve those key principles on which we stand. As such, we present this declaration with the expectation that our party leaders and elected representatives will support and defend these principles.

Our nation is deeply divided. Although the 2020 Presidential election is over and Joe Biden is President of the United States, many Americans remain opposed to the radical left-wing socialist policies he and the Democrat led Congress is pursuing by fiat. Biden's administration will attempt to enact policies that advance this radical agenda. These policies threaten to undermine the very principles that define our nation and what we stand for.

### **1. FREEDOM OF SPEECH**

It is very troubling that we feel the need to define this as one of our principles. This is a foundational freedom that all Americans should defend. Sadly, many democrats no longer choose to do so. Further, the coordinated effort by broadcast and print mainstream media, plus social media monopolies, has resulted in the collective censorship of political opponents.

The effect is essentially a new "state run propaganda network" controlled by Democrats. They alone will decide whose speech is allowed and whose is deemed "dangerous." This is chilling to us and cannot be allowed to continue.

### **2. THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS**

Enacting excessive taxes on firearms and ammunition is a thinly disguised attack on our second amendment. We demand our leadership fight against these efforts with all available means at their disposal.

### **3. BORDER SECURITY**

We welcome and celebrate the many contributions to our country from immigrants. We want to be clear; we support legal immigration and oppose illegal immigration. No nation can survive without legal borders, and we demand ours be protected.

#### **4. ELECTION INTEGRITY**

Free, fair, and honest elections are the heart of any democracy. We recognize that elections are the responsibility of states, and we oppose any effort to move control of elections to the federal government. We further expect our representatives in Raleigh to enact laws to prevent voter fraud and to protect the electoral process.

#### **5. EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER THE LAW**

We demand adherence to the rule of law, due process, presumption of innocence and the right to a vigorous defense. In the last four years, we have witnessed *selective prosecution* by the Department of Justice whereas republicans are prosecuted for the same acts committed by high-ranking democrats, and, yet their crimes go ignored. This politicization of the criminal justice system is dangerous to our nation.

Today evidence of two systems of justice is growing and is eroding trust in our judicial system. For example, the second impeachment of President Trump by the House of Representatives was conducted without evidence or witnesses and ignored due process. It was political theater. Further the Senate, conducted a trial without legal jurisdiction or constitutional precedent. This is outrageous and sets us up for a very slippery slope. The Senate has no authority to prosecute a private citizen.

To conclude, we will not be silenced, nor intimidated, nor "reprogrammed." We expect all Republicans, all Americans, to defend these principles. To stand united and uncompromising for one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Either these words mean something of value, or they do not. As someone once asked..." If not us, who? If not now, when?"