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As we are all well aware, we stand at a pivotal moment in our nation's history, where the future of our democracy and the rights we've fought so hard to secure hang in the balance while other rights are already eroding.

As we approach the upcoming elections, it's crucial to understand the stakes and why our efforts to hold the Senate and flip the House are more critical than ever. The New York Times recently noted that "No Supreme Court term in recent memory has featured so many cases with the potential to transform American society."

One of those cases is **Murthy v. Missouri**, which challenges the federal government's authority to work with social media companies to combat misinformation. This case raises fundamental questions about free speech and the government's role in safeguarding public health and democracy. If the Court rules against the government, it could hinder efforts to curb the spread of dangerous misinformation, making it harder to protect public health and maintain an informed electorate. This decision could set a precedent that restricts the government's ability to address pressing issues in the digital age.

Next, we have **Food and Drug Administration v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine**, a case that questions the FDA's authority to approve and regulate mifepristone, a critical medication for abortion and miscarriage management. This case is not just about one drug; it's about women's reproductive rights and access to healthcare. If the Court restricts the FDA's authority, it could pave the way for more stringent regulations on reproductive health services, undermining women's rights to make decisions about their own bodies. And that isn't the only abortion related case before the Court this year, in **Moyle v. United States** the court may decide that EMTALA, the federal law requiring hospitals to provide life

saving care to patients, applies to women dying in childbirth and who need an emergency abortion.

In **United States v. Rahimi**, the Supreme Court is reviewing whether individuals subject to domestic violence restraining orders can be prohibited from possessing firearms or if that violates the Second Amendment. The central question is whether this federal law aligns with historical traditions of firearm regulation, as interpreted under the 2022 *Bruen* decision.

The real-world impact of the Court's decision could be significant: upholding the law would maintain current protections for domestic violence victims, potentially saving lives, while striking it down could increase access to firearms for individuals under restraining orders, potentially heightening the risk of gun violence in domestic settings.

In **Trump v. United States** the court will decide whether the President of the United States is immune from prosecution and whether or not we are indeed a nation of laws.

Lastly, in **Garland v. Cargill**, the Court will determine the legality of bump stocks, devices that effectively turn semi-automatic rifles into fully automatic weapons. This case has significant implications for gun control and public safety. Upholding the ban on bump stocks is essential for preventing mass shootings and protecting our communities from gun violence.

These cases highlight the broader agenda at play—a concerted effort to roll back key rights and dismantle regulatory protections that have been cornerstones of our progress. The Supreme Court's decisions this term could reshape our society in profound ways, and we must be vigilant.

This is why it is so important to hold the Senate and flip the House. A Democratic majority in Congress can act as a critical check on the Court's

decisions, ensuring that we continue to protect and expand the rights of all Americans. Moreover, reelecting President Biden is not an option for us. His administration is committed to appointing judges who uphold the principles of justice, equality, and the rule of law. Just last week President Biden surpassed FDR in the number of justices appointed to the federal courts.

We are on the cusp of a new era of conservative rulings that could undo decades of hard-won victories. Our fight is not just for the present but for the future of our democracy, our rights, and our planet. Let's mobilize, organize, and vote to secure a better future for all. The next President could fill several Supreme Court seats and that person cannot be criminal defendant Donald Trump.

In the meeting notes we have prepared a thorough overview of all major cases before the court. I hope you find it to be a helpful reference.

Thank you.