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The Honorable Troy E. Nehls
United States House of Representatives
1104 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: FORMAL DEMAND FOR RESIGNATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Congressman Nehls:

Your public statement, **“If you comply, you will not die. That’s it. Just comply. If you comply, you will not die,”** raises serious concerns about the message being communicated by an elected federal official regarding the relationship between American citizens and law enforcement. The Constitution does not establish a system in which citizens must blindly obey government officials or face death. Government power is limited by the Constitution, and the exercise of police authority remains subject to those limitations.

Americans possess constitutional protections against unreasonable searches and seizures and against governmental deprivation of life or liberty without due process of law. Law-enforcement officers do not possess unlimited authority to detain every person merely because an officer wishes to do so. A temporary investigative detention generally requires an adequate constitutional basis, including reasonable suspicion where the Fourth Amendment standard established in *Terry v. Ohio* applies. Citizens also retain important rights concerning silence and compelled self-incrimination, subject to the circumstances and lawful requirements of a particular encounter.

As a Member of Congress, and particularly as a member of the House Judiciary Committee and its Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, statements concerning police authority, compliance, and the use of deadly force carry substantial public significance. Elected officials should make

clear that law enforcement exists under the Constitution, not above it, and that the government's authority to detain, search, seize, arrest, or use force is constrained by law.

Accordingly, I formally call upon you to **resign from the United States House of Representatives immediately**. If you decline to resign, I intend to continue seeking lawful political and governmental accountability concerning your public statements and official conduct. If elected President of the United States, I will request that appropriate federal authorities independently assess any credible evidence of potentially unlawful conduct falling within federal jurisdiction. Any federal review should be based upon evidence, lawful investigative predicates, constitutional safeguards, and due process - not political retaliation.

For clarity, this letter is not a personal threat, nor does it presume that your quoted statement by itself constitutes a federal crime. It is a formal political demand for accountability and notice that documented public conduct may be referred to appropriate authorities for independent legal review where a lawful basis exists. Your political speech is protected by the First Amendment, just as the American people retain the right to criticize elected officials, petition the government, demand resignation, and request lawful investigation.

The oath to support and defend the Constitution requires more than demanding obedience from the public. It requires recognition that the government itself must obey constitutional limits. The American people are citizens of a constitutional republic, not subjects whose rights disappear upon contact with government authority.

Respectfully,

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