



Estero Bay INDIVISIBLE Newsletter, JULY 3rd, 2025
RESISTANCE, GRIT & RESILIENT HOPE

As I finish writing this newsletter I am listening to House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries give a record-long speech on the House floor blasting Republicans and delaying the inevitable passage of Trump's 'IMMORAL' Bill. Leader Jeffries began his speech by saying he would take his 'sweet time' describing the effects of this bill on extending tax cuts and slashing social safety net programs. How this bill is an extraordinary assault on the health care of the American people. How instead of leadership, many on the Republican side of the aisle showed 'cruelty, chaos, and corruption'. Near the end of Leader Jeffries's speech, he pivoted to reflect on the lasting legacy and courage of great civil rights leaders, including Civil Rights activist and 'Conscience of the Congress' John Lewis.



GRIT AND HOPE

Leader Jeffries quoted Congressman Lewis saying "Do not get lost in the sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year. It is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble."

At times in my own life, I have tried and failed to speak truth to power, to be strong, to be wise, and to be more like the great Congressman John Lewis. He understood and lived the 'meaningful purpose' of protest rallies with hope and optimism that we will all need now to push back against the hate, cruelty, fraud, and the rise of Fascism in the Trump administration. Today this 'BIG IMMORAL BILL' is being 'worshipped as a victory for America' by the Republican Party but tomorrow and come the mid-term elections we will remember.

I recently started the book 'Grit' by pioneering psychologist and MacArthur 'genius' Angela Duckworth. Drawing from her own childhood story of being told by her scientist father that she lacked 'smarts', Dr. Duckworth set out to research the traits, especially 'passion, meaning, persistence and HOPE' and not 'smarts' that drove extraordinary success in people's careers and personal lives. I like this word 'GRIT' but I have to say I really love the word 'HOPE' because as Martin Luther King, Jr. once said "We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."

Have a wonderful 4th of July weekend and, of course, in the meantime, here are a few things that you can do to make a difference in our future success.

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Take care and see you soon my friends,

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