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Dear Representatives,

If you have 3 frogs on a lily pad and 1 decides to jump off, how many frogs are left on the lily pad? If you answered 2, then you would be incorrect. There would still be 3 frogs on the lily pad because deciding and doing are not the same.

It appears some of you feel very safe in your elected position as a representative to hide behind your policies and procedures and not voice your thoughts or opinions. It appears it is easy for some of you to go along to get along to make sure you keep your job and your money. And, it appears some of you believe the House of Cards you're living in is a reality that is solid in its foundation and will continue to maintain the security of your future the way it has up to this point in your life. I can assure you it will not.

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The "safety" of your policies and procedures will only protect you in Group Think. Should you decide to express a thought or opinion that challenges the official narrative or even just to ask a question that might imply a need to justify or validate a specific process of that narrative, the safety net of those policies and procedures will dissolve like Alka-Seltzer tabs in a glass of water. Why? Because those policies and procedures were created only as directional chutes to move you into the appropriate holding pen until the "rodeo commanders" decide it is your turn to entertain them.

Now what about that proverbial ladder? It is not steep. In fact, it is specifically created to be easy and smooth like the people movers at Disney. It is the repetitive hype about how successful you are by just following the rules that is the carrot you are conned with. And, the underlying unspoken rule is that you are NOT to get off the people mover until you reach your destination. Of course that destination is determined by those that created the theme park in the first place and it is a fantasy world that is distorted and cruel. As you effortlessly are carried toward your journey's end, you are made to believe you are free to choose what you will, the great illusion of choice. It is only when you decide to step off the mover do you run into the invisible barriers that imprison the walkway. At this point, you might realize you left your freedoms on the ground when you stepped on the first rung of the ladder and you have a choice to make to either stay on the lily pad or jump off.

It is a real dilemma now and the stakes are a lot higher because if you jump off, you lose your job and your money but will regain your freedoms. If you stay on, you are rewarded with your job and your money and if you hold other people on the ladder against their will you will get even more money! It is a difficult choice because the historical data we have been indoctrinated with substantiates that maintaining the status quo is always the best safest choice. The dangers with any type of indoctrination is there is no option for "your best interest" and absolutely zero maneuverability for "Right Action".

Please ask yourself what happens when the theme park designers decide they are not building your ladder any higher? And no matter how disillusioned you are in believing your gravy train will never end, it will conveniently run out of tracks when the engineers are finished with your usefulness to them.

So, I challenge you to take the right action and jump off the damn lily pad! Vote to pass LD 867 and stop feeding your addiction to the fear porn. I promise only good things will follow if you do.

If you don't jump and instead stay on the lily pad, your "non-action" sends a very clear message that you want to continue to be part of the problem. If this is your choice, I will respect it but I also expect you to be proud of your choice and willing to take full responsibility for it and be held accountable for all the consequences it brings. I expect you to be loud, transparent, and clear where you stand in your position and not be a pathetic coward hiding behind the rules and regulations of your political structure insisting you can't do anything different. Because We The People are solving this problem and if it is your choice that we solve it without you then I can guarantee there will be no chair left for you to sit in when the music stops!

Sincerely, Tanya Marston