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Notes from editor (not for publication):

Hi, Dan — Best of luck tomorrow. I'm running your testimony (if that's the term) with Tim's.



HEADLINE ELEMENTS:

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1 Citizens are trying to save our republic

####END HED####

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2 'The true criminals in this situation are the federal
3 officials who have chosen to do the bidding of a deranged
4 buffoon megalomaniac'

####END SUBHED####

5 TEXT BODY:

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6 YOUR HONOR, due to corrupt and criminal conduct,
7 blatant contempt for and defiance to the judicial system, our
8 current federal government has lost all legitimacy.

9 Internationally, we are randomly blowing up boats in the
10 ocean; we have enacted an oil blockade against Cuba, an
11 internationally recognized act of war; we have kidnapped

12 another country's ruler; we have launched an unprovoked war
13 against Iran; and we continue to aid and abet Israel in an ongoing
14 genocide against Palestinians in their own homeland.

15 Here at home, legal residents of the United States who
16 have committed no crimes are being kidnapped and imprisoned
17 in concentration camps where they are deprived of adequate
18 food and water, sexually abused, physically assaulted, and
19 denied legal rights afforded to them in our Constitution. Federal
20 operatives are operating outside of the law, spreading violence
21 and fear throughout the land.

22 The Justice Department has been transformed into a
23 lawless organization with a mission to deliver retribution and
24 violence to any and all perceived enemies of the head of state.

25 We the people have been told ad nauseam that "our vote
26 is our choice," but a venal political class, with the assistance of a
27 ideologically driven Supreme Court, is busy gerrymandering our
28 congressional districts so that only their favored voters have a
29 voice and that those not aligned with the party in power have no
30 voice at all.

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32 AMERICANS WHO FEEL compelled to defend our
33 Constitution and preserve our republican form of government are
34 thus forced to look to other actions to defend our precarious
35 democracy.

36 While the government engages in violence to achieve
37 their aims of overthrowing our republic, citizens are using
38 peaceful, nonviolent actions to try to save it and to promote the
39 rule of law and moral decency.

40 The concentration camps that serve ICE in their pogrom
41 of kidnapping and terror would not be in existence were it not for
42 funding that finances their construction and implementation.
43 Citizens Bank is one of the few banks that continues to provide
44 funds to the private contractors that build these prison camps and
45 who profit from the misery and violence therein.

46 Citizens Bank has a branch location in Brattleboro.
47 Concerned citizens met with the local bank officials, informing
48 them of the conduct of their corporate bosses and asked that they
49 join us to resist the banks financing of terror. The bank
50 management was unwilling to challenge their corporate masters
51 and made no changes in their conduct that would address the
52 financial crimes of their corporation.

53 Therefore, we took it upon ourselves to respectfully meet
54 bank customers as they were entering the bank and inform them
55 of what Citizens Bank was doing with their money and
56 encouraging them to consider taking their money elsewhere.

57 For this action, we were arrested and now face
58 arraignment for illegal trespass.

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60 IT IS IRONIC that as we approach the 250th anniversary of
61 our Declaration of Independence — where we celebrate and
62 venerate those who chose to defy the law and violently
63 overthrow their rulers to replace the rule of a king with the
64 democratic rule of the people — we are now being prosecuted
65 for our peaceful attempts to maintain the rule of the people and
66 to prevent the country from once again falling into the hands of a
67 despot “king.”

68 The true criminals in this situation are the federal officials
69 who have chosen to do the bidding of a deranged buffoon
70 megalomaniac.

71 Our supposed crime is an act of love for our country. I
72 will not plead guilty to anything more than trying to save our
73 republic.

####END TEXT####

BIO/COATTAIL:

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74 **DAN DEWALT**, a frequent contributor to these pages and
75 one of the founders of this newspaper, writes that if he didn't love

76 his country, he “wouldn’t spend so much time trying to get it to
77 live up to its purported principles.”

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