

## Letter: What The Expulsion Vote Of George Santos Says About Jared Huffman And The Reality Of The Democrats

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First, I am not a Republican. I have voted Republican in the past, but they lied to me and did not follow through on their campaign promises. I am also not a Democrat. I have voted Democrat in the past, but they lied to me and did not follow through on their campaign promises.

This is why I am now an Independent, because the reality is, neither party cares about US. They only care about themselves, their own power, and the money it brings them.

Today, December 1, the United States House of Representatives FINALLY voted to expel conman George Santos from office. This is something that should have happened before he was even sworn in, but that's politics for you. In fact, even the vote to expel him is simply just politics.

For the last year, George Santos has been able to act as a full-fledged Member of Congress, despite being a legitimate conman. Do you think that is appropriate? I sure don't.

I also don't think it is appropriate that Senator Bob Mendez is still serving as a Senator despite selling his influence to foreign interests. However, now that George Santos has been removed by the House, can we expect the Senate to do the same with Bob Mendez? Absolutely not, and here's why.

Removing George Santos doesn't hurt the GOP but it does send a message to Americans that, "Congress cares about corruption and will remove corrupt members." I certainly hope you are not foolish enough to believe this message.

In reality, George Santos has already cast the votes both sides needed him to cast so they can promote their individual agendas. Now that he has no more value to either side, and now that he is simply a liability, Members of Congress have joined together in a  $\frac{2}{3}$  bipartisan vote to expel him, thus protecting the "integrity" of Congress... Yeah right.

Here's the reality of Jared Huffman and the Democrats. They simply do not care about corruption. They simply do not care about YOU.

Now to be clear, neither do the Republicans, but with the Democrats and Jared Huffman right now, their silence on Bob Mendez after voting to expel George Santos SHOULD tell you everything you need to know about them. If Huffman or Democrats actually cared about US, they would insist that Bob Mendez step down as well. If he refuses, then they need to vote him out, the same as Santos.

This will NEVER happen though because removing Mendez from the Senate would directly weaken Democrats' majority, and they would never allow that. So, this then puts the onus on you.

As a loyal Democrat, are you really going to stand there and say that it is good that George Santos has been expelled but Bob Mendez should not be held to the same standard? Are you really going to continue to support Jared Huffman and the Democrats when they allow and encourage a corrupt senator like Bob Mendez to stay, simply because his absence would weaken their political base?

What does that say about YOU as a loyal Democrat? Every American who considers themselves a Democrat has rallied against Donald Trump and the GOP's corruption. Are you now going to turn around and protect Bob Mendez and the corruption of your own party?

My friends, my neighbors, my coworkers, my fellow Americans. Grow up. Open your eyes. BOTH parties are equally corrupt. BOTH parties are actively selling US out so they can line their own pockets. NEITHER side cares about US or is advocating for US.

Here is the truth, since the year 2000, Republicans have held the House, Senate, and Presidency THREE TIMES, including under Donald Trump, so where is your conservative wishlist? On the other hand, Democrats have held all three branches twice, including under Joe Biden in 2021, 2022, and 2023. So again, where is your liberal wishlist? There is zero excuse for either side to hold all three branches of Government multiple times, and then choose to not deliver for their voters.

We are not a county of Democrats and Republicans, we are a country of Americans. Right now every American is hurting. There are no discounts or protections given for being part of one party or the other. Crime and high prices affect us all the same. WE have to start working together.

WE have to accept the reality that both sides have had multiple chances to fix our country and have chosen not to.

WE have to accept that long standing Members of Congress like Jared Huffman have had over TEN YEARS to fix our problems and have simply chosen not to.

As we suffer, I encourage you to Google the net worth of some of your Members of Congress on both sides. Look up their houses and see where they live. Look up their assets, where they vacation, what they drive and the cost of what they wear.

Ask yourself why are you voting to support this election after election? Ask yourself honestly, what have they done for you?

If Trump didn't do it in 2016, why do you think he'll do it now?

If Biden didn't do it in 2020, why do you think he'll do it now?

It is time we all stop this Republican vs Democrat nonsense.

It is time we all stand up as AMERICANS and say we are ready "To Eliminate Corruption in Congress."

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