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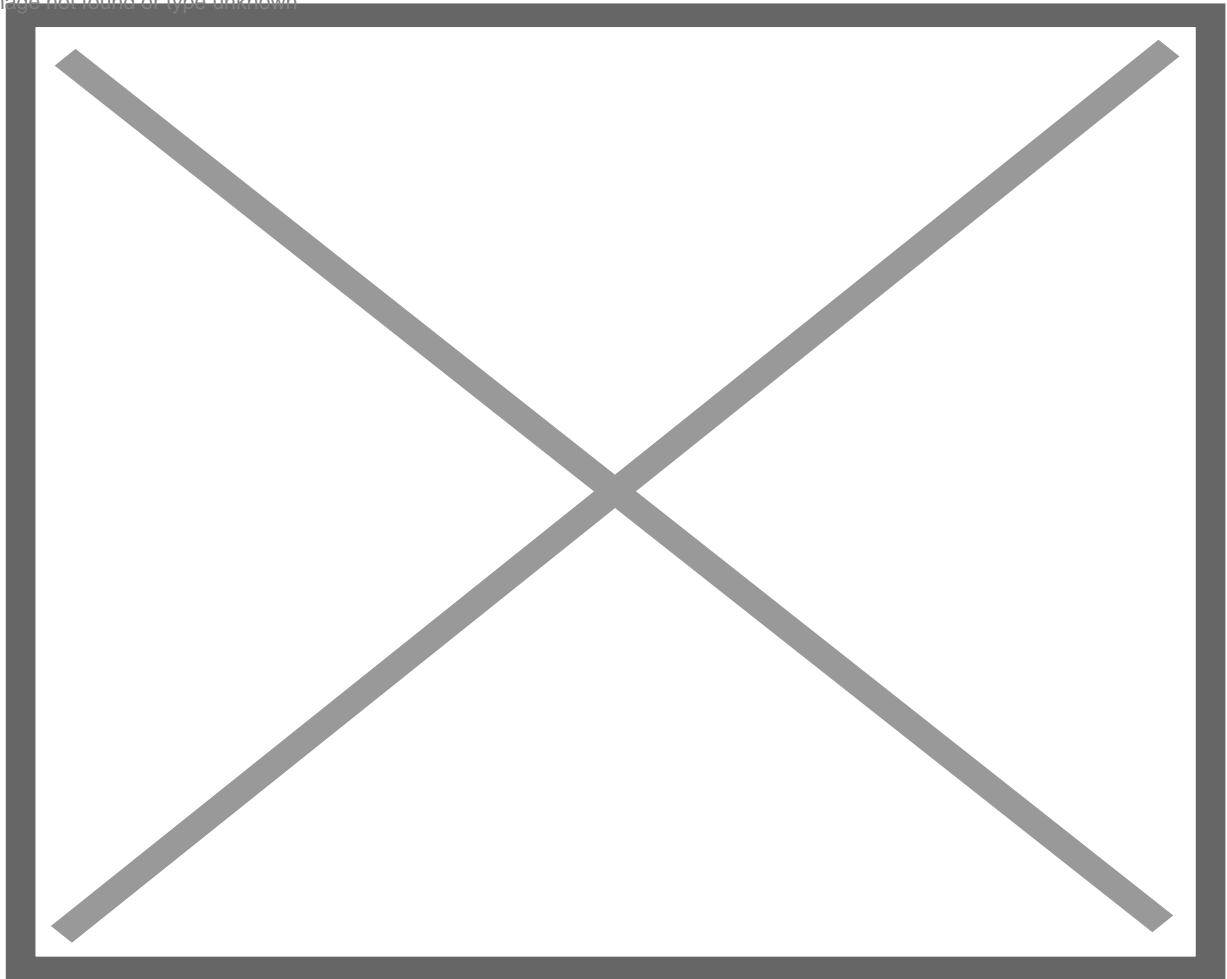
Plaskett Blasts House Republicans For Trump Alignment, Alleged Bullying of Social Media Companies

Plaskett accuses Republicans of undermining democracy by pressuring social media companies, aligning with Trump, and enabling foreign interference in U.S. elections

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Delegate to Congress Stacey Plaskett

V.I. Delegate to Congress Stacey Plaskett delivered a scathing opening statement during the tenth hearing on the Weaponization of the Federal Government. In her address, Ms. Plaskett emphasized what she said was the Republican majority's attempts to influence ongoing Supreme Court cases and highlighted their broader agenda.

"Two weeks ago, in this same room, we watched as the Republican majority attempted to use the congressional hearing process to intervene in an ongoing Supreme Court case," Plaskett began. She criticized Republicans for pretending to be concerned about social media companies being pressured by the federal government. "In truth, these arguments are operating in the interest of securing an open season, where Russia and China can destabilize our democracy at will in the 2024 election," she asserted.

Plaskett argued that by bullying social media companies, Republicans aim to permit foreign adversaries to spread lies and misinformation to support former President Donald Trump. "We all know that the former President Donald Trump exacts loyalty from all of his followers and especially GOP officials and those that work for him – blind loyalty – this case is no different," she said.

She further accused many GOP members of rushing to New York to show their support for Trump, claiming that he demands unwavering loyalty and uses his influence to aid his criminal defense. "Donald Trump, – demands that every Republican official serve him like the incorrigible degenerate spoiled brat he is and use their positions to aid his criminal defense," Plaskett remarked.

Despite what she described as the embarrassment of recent hearings, Plaskett noted that Trump and his allies believe Chairman Jordan is not doing enough to support their cause. "Donald Trump and his cronies don't think Chairman Jordan is doing enough," she concluded.