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SWANN CONDEMNS ARREST OF BLACK JOURNALISTS AS CONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATION, DEMANDS CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

CHICAGO - Christopher Swann, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, issued the following statement on the arrest of Don Lemon and Georgia Fort:

The arrest of journalists Don Lemon and Georgia Fort is a constitutional violation and an abuse of law enforcement for political purposes. A federal judge found no evidence of criminal behavior and refused to sign arrest warrants. This administration arrested them anyway, not to uphold justice, but to silence journalists for covering a protest.

This is injustice. This cannot stand.

A justice system with a long history of targeting Black Americans is now being weaponized against two Black journalists doing their jobs. The First Amendment exists to protect the press from exactly this kind of government intimidation, and this administration is trampling it.

And this isn't the only assault on our rights. It's part of a pattern of corruption and constitutional violations from an administration that believes it's above the law.

We have to fight back. Congress must act immediately to constrain this administration's authoritarian overreach. Drop these charges. Restore the rule of law. Hold Trump and his Justice Department accountable.

Press freedom is not negotiable. Democracy is not negotiable. We will not stop fighting until these violations end.

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