

Emergency National Protests Opposing Mueller / Rosenstein Firing

What will happen if Mueller or Rosenstein are fired?

As the nation speculates whether or not Special Counsel Robert Mueller or Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein will be fired, activists across the country are gearing up for a nationwide response. Upstate New York is no different. Indivisible Cortland County is making contingency plans for protests in the Cortland area.

Why is this important?

"Only a thorough investigation with full and truthful answers can ensure that the security of our election system will not be compromised in future elections. We implore Representative Claudia Tenney, and Senators Kirsten Gillibrand and Chuck Schumer to do everything in their power to prevent President Donald Trump from firing special counsel Robert Mueller," and "Allowing Mueller to conduct the investigation free from interference will give Americans the truth they deserve. Robert Mueller's firing, however, would be an assault on the rule of law at the foundation of our democracy." -Quotation from a fellow 22nd CD resident.

"Rosenstein is effectively Mueller's boss. Although, under the special counsel regulations, Mueller does not have to report to Rosenstein day to day, he does need to check in with the DAG three months before the end of the fiscal year with a status report on the progress of the investigation, and Rosenstein has the power to "determine whether the investigation should continue." Separately, Rosenstein has the power to require Mueller to "provide an explanation for any investigative or prosecutorial step" and can prevent Mueller from pursuing any action if, in his view, he believes that it is "inappropriate or unwarranted" under departmental practices. If he does so, he must report this decision to both the Senate and House Judiciary Committees. The fact that, six months into Mueller's appointment, no such report has been made, and Mueller continues to take significant investigative and prosecutorial steps (including, most recently, obtaining tens of thousands of transition-team emails from the General Services Administration) suggests that Rosenstein is on board with the breadth, scope, and direction in which Mueller is taking the investigation. Removing Rosenstein and replacing him with a DAG who is at the very least more sympathetic to Trump could have drastic repercussions for the investigation." - Quotation from Asha Rangappa of Slate.com

When and Where?

WHEN: If Mueller or Rosenstein are fired before 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time, organized protests will ensue beginning at 5:00 p.m. local time. If either is fired after 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time, organized protests will ensue at 12:00 / Noon local time the following day.

WHAT: Protest Opposing Mueller or Rosenstein Firing

WHO: Indivisible Cortland County

WHERE: In front of Cortland Post Office, Main Street, Cortland, NY

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