
Howard Fensterman April 2025 Op-Ed in Long Island Press: A Call for Civility

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In his latest Long Island Press Op-Ed, Abrams Fensterman, LLP Managing Partner, [Howard Fensterman](#) calls on political leaders—and all Americans—to remember that democracy thrives on mutual respect, even in disagreement. Refusing to acknowledge a young cancer survivor honored at the State of the Union isn't just bad optics—it's a moral failing.

We must restore decency in how we engage with one another, before it's too late. Mr. Fensterman points to leaders like Congressman Tom Suozzi and Senator Charles Schumer as models for restoring civility and cooperation in government. ***"We have to find some way back to that time...."***

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A CALL FOR CIVILITY

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In our hyper-partisan political environment, there is no more visceral symbol of how far we have to go to restore civility than Democratic members of Congress sitting with their hands during the recent State of the Union speech when President Trump made a 13-year-old pediatric cancer patient an honorary Secret Service agent.

It is bad enough that the Democrats showed a complete indifference, at worst contempt, for both President Trump and the institutional integrity of the American government by refusing to stand and show a minimum of respect when the President entered the House of Representatives chamber.

No rising to their feet. No brief nod of acknowledgment.