



**F**or many party members, the concern is no longer whether consensus is legal, but whether it is still genuinely consensual. The storm is gathering and all Nigerians and the world is watching. The ruling APC should tread with caution and discontinue its alliance and arm twisting of state institutions to scuttle the democratic space and make it uncomfortable for the opposition. In a genuine democracy system, the wider the space the better for the people to make choices that will impact positively on democratic governance. Equally the state institutions like the INEC, EFCC, ICPC as well as the Judiciary should not pander to the whims and caprices of the ruling party at the expense of the opposition as this will amount to the betrayal of the Nigerian people and encourage a compromised system that could cast a slur not only on meaningful development but also the future of unborn generation. It is time for every actor in this democratic experience to play by the rules as done in advanced democracies. State Institutions as a matter of responsibility and patriotism should be stronger and operate above any individuals or personalities. This has been the bane of development in Nigeria and this pattern must change for the country to achieve its full potentials as a great nation.

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**T**he legislature must reclaim its role—not as a broker of interests, but as a steward of national direction. This reclamation will not occur through declarations. It will occur through decisions. Through a renewed commitment to rigorous scrutiny. Through the courage to prioritize competence over convenience. Through the willingness to uphold national interest, even when it conflicts with political comfort. Representation must inform judgment, not override it. Oversight must be consistent, not selective. Confirmation must be thorough, not ceremonial. Above all, public office must be understood not as an opportunity for negotiation, but as a duty of service. Until that re-calibration occurs, the question will continue to echo across the land—louder, sharper, and more urgent with each passing year: *I s t h i s t r u l y a H o u s e o f t h e P e o p l e — o r m e r e l y a H o u s e o f D e a l s ?* The answer will not be found in speeches or symbolism. It will be found in conduct—visible, measurable, and accountable conduct. For now, that answer remains uncertain. And a nation cannot rise above the quality of the institutions that govern it.