

Committee: 3rd Servile Revolt (Rome)

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Fellow Romans, our people and their aspirations sits upon the edge of an abyss and every enemy of the republic clutches their daggers prepared throw us into the precipice. I hail from the gens Caecilia who traces its ancestry back to the companion of Aeneas, Caecus who accompanied the hero on his flight from Troy. My ancestors fought in the first wars against the Phoenicians, conquered the Balearic Islands, defeated the warbands of Thrace and brought Roman law to Sardis. My vow to the republic is that I will continue this legacy of military prestige as I have already begun to do as I fought in the sands of Numidia alongside my father against the traitor king Jugurtha and campaigned against Sertorius. What we risk with this servile revolt lies beyond the safety of the citizens on the peninsula but the security of Roman holdings abroad. As Spartacus holds our forces at home the wars that continue abroad loom, Sertorius and his Iberians continue to defy the Senate and kill good Roman men in treachery while Mithradates and his Anatolian subjects threaten Greece. If the Republic wishes to survive it must mend its internal throws and crush this lowly Thracian slave with brutality and haste.

The slaves, plebeians and even the rich families of Rome must know that authority rests with the Senate and the military. To ail the social woes of Rome order must be established and the one beacon of order that has persisted through dark times has been the military. Granting the military greater political oversight and control would do us good in these trying times. The poor in Rome do have a case for their marginalization, our reliance on slave labor has led to this revolt and the

disenfranchisement of small farmers. Legislation limiting the number of slaves to a villa and increasing the severity of their bondage would help address these issues. The defeat of the slaves must be executed quickly, the more time we allowed Spartacus to roam the more men he gathers. By predicting his movements with scouting we should vacate towns and villas his forces approach of any servants to reduce the risk of his ranks growing. In pitched battle the might of the Roman army always triumphs so we must try our best to coax the slaves into fighting on equal ground. For the Republic!