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I built this figure in direct response to the Kavanaugh hearings. I sculpted her with hot, furious tears of anger rolling down my face.

When Brett Kavanaugh's name appeared on the shortlist for Supreme Court nomination, Dr. Blasey Ford came forward with compelling allegations of being sexually assaulted by Kavanaugh years earlier.

Susan Collins (Republican Senator, Maine) gave me hope early in the hearings that Dr. Ford's measured, unembellished and even reluctant testimony would carry the weight of truth with Collins. Instead, her lockstep vote along the GOP lines disappointed and infuriated me.

My figure Susan, heartless and given enough rope to hang herself, represents politicians – particularly those in Congress – who feel they must protect their jobs. By knuckling under the weight of re-election, they align themselves with perhaps the most incompetent, corrupt and amoral American president ever elected.

I am fearful for the Constitutional format of our three supposedly equal branches of government, and deeply worried that the system of checks and balances simply is not working.