

January 13, 2021

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi
1236 Longworth H.O.B.
Washington, DC 20515

Senate Leader Mitch McConnell
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

via electronic delivery

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McConnell:

Minnesotans, like most Americans, are deeply disturbed by the events of January 6th, 2021 at our nation's Capitol building and associated rallies in our own states. Five Americans are dead, and many more were injured as a violent mob attacked our Congress as they fulfilled their sacred duty to certify our free and fair election. In addition, the FBI and law enforcement have since uncovered more potential security threats to our institutions including the Minnesota State Capitol.

We, the undersigned, condemn this violence and the seditious rhetoric by those that provoked it. We write to you as patriots requesting that you defend our democracy by impeaching and convicting President Trump for inciting an insurrection and assault on our democracy.

Section 3 of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution prohibits any person who has "engaged in insurrection or rebellion against" the United States from holding office in the United States. President Trump violated our Constitution by repeatedly lying about the outcome of the election. In his message to crowds gathered in Washington D.C. he encouraged them to march to the Capitol, saying "if you don't fight like hell you're not going to have a country anymore." He bears responsibility for the insurrection. In order to defend our democracy, we must hold him accountable.

We applaud the action taken so far in the U.S. House to begin impeachment proceedings and strongly encourage the U.S. Senate to convict him. All of us as elected leaders — from the Presidency down to state legislatures — are responsible for telling our constituents the truth. Falsehoods and hate speech have consequences, and those whose words incite violence must be held accountable. Democrats and Republicans must together acknowledge the reality of our free and fair election results in order to ensure our democracy prevails.


We believe impeachment of the current president will send a signal to the American people that our democracy is being protected and preserved. Fundamental to our democracy is accepting the results of our free and fair elections. It is time to move forward, together, and to impose consequences on those who encourage and participate in extremist violence on our democracy.

As state leaders who also bear a duty to defend our democracy and uphold the U.S. Constitution, we urge the U.S. House and Senate to impeach and convict President Trump immediately.

Sincerely,



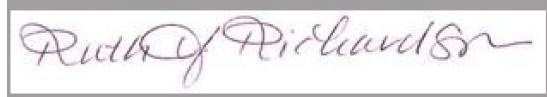
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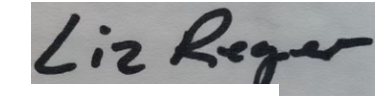
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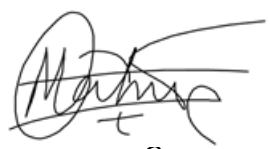


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