

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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**Re: My Reason for Impeaching the President: The Threat that We Said Donald John Trump Posed to Democracy Prior to His Being Sworn in on January 20, 2025, has Become Our Reality**

To Whom It May Concern:

I pen this communique with a heavy heart, driven by a conscience that will not allow me to ignore my well-founded, strong pre-election condemnation of Donald John Trump as a threat to American democracy that has now become our reality.

Currently, I am among the many who denounce President Trump as an authoritarian, defined by Merriam Webster as “relating to, or favoring the concentration of power in a leader or an elite not constitutionally responsible to the people”. I am among those who have pointed out President Trump’s failure to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution by flouting constitutional law as well as the orders of federal courts, including the Supreme Court.

I am among those who strongly denounce the President’s dangerous flouting of the separation of powers and undermining the independence of the federal judiciary by calling for the impeachment of federal judges who rule against him, rather than appealing the decision, as was explained to all by Chief Justice John Roberts on March 18, 2025.

I am among the throngs who know that the President violates the Fifth Amendment constitutional right to due process when he condones the deportation, by our Justice Department, of anyone residing in the United States of America to another country, without providing them the constitutionally-mandated legal process owed to present evidence of why they shouldn’t be deported.

Regrettably, the President is doing the above in tandem with his expressions of American citizens being deported, while condoning the potential suspension of the great writ of habeas corpus, another fundamental constitutional right.

I cannot, in good conscience, as a Member of Congress, having said what I have said, and knowing what I know — wait until the next election to deal with authoritarian President Donald John Trump’s pre-election threat to American democracy that has become a post-election assault on our government. The President has devolved American democracy into authoritarianism, with himself as the authoritarian.

Authoritarian President Donald John Trump is the problem. The threat of impeachment can act as a deterrent. Should that fail, actual impeachment becomes the solution. Having presented the articles of impeachment that laid the foundation for President Trump's prior impeachment, which contributed to his presidential defeat, I am compelled by my moral imperative, driven by my conscience, to act again.

In Article 65 of the 85 articles and essays contained within the Federalist Papers, written to promote the ratification of the Constitution, Alexander Hamilton explains that the subject of the Senate's jurisdiction for trials of impeachment are, "those offenses which proceed from the misconduct of public men, or, in other words, from the abuse or violation of some public trust. They are of a nature which may with peculiar propriety be denominated political, as they relate chiefly to injuries done immediately to the society itself."

Contrary to what many status quo personalities would have us believe, there is no requirement for the existence of a constitutional crisis before impeaching for high crimes and misdemeanors. In 1868, President Andrew Johnson was impeached for speaking ill of Congress in Article Ten of the articles of impeachment against him. Federal Judge John Pickering became the first person impeached and convicted by the U.S. Senate in 1804. He was impeached by the U.S. House of Representatives in 1803 for misconduct as a judge, and for intoxication. He was impeached and convicted under the same constitutional law that all Presidents have been impeached under. **Typically, there has been no constitutional crisis associated with articles of impeachment, although a constitutional crisis can exist without any crime being committed.**

An authoritarian does not have to commit a codified statutory offense to be impeached. The constitutional law that authoritarian President Trump would have Congress use to impeach a federal judge for ruling against him (Article II, Section 4 of the United States Constitution) is the same law that has been used, and can be used, to impeach him again for making his threats to democracy a reality. I will use that law again.

Former President Gerald Ford was right then, and now, when he proclaimed that, "an impeachable offense is whatever a majority of the House of Representatives considers it to be at a given moment in history."

Waiting for a constitutional crisis can be the forerunner to tanks on American streets. Acting now with my single vote to impeach can function as a wake-up call to impeach, as well as deter an authoritarian President and avert a constitutional crisis. Acting now, as was done before, can also become the genesis of a public movement, similar to that which led to authoritarian President Donald John Trump's prior impeachment and defeat at the polls in the 2020 Presidential Election. Although he won't run again, Members of Congress who aided and abetted America's devolution into authoritarianism will.

I have not asked Members of Congress to stand with me. I encourage all Members to vote with their conscience. As for me, I stand where I have stood on impeachment, which is a question of conscience, even when the odds are against me — **it is better for me to stand alone than not stand at all — it won't be the first time.**

As a member of Congress, I consider these actions by authoritarian President Trump harmful to society and impeachable: condoning the flouting of federal court orders, flouting the separation of powers, undermining the independence of the federal judiciary, and flouting the constitutional mandate of due process, all of which have devolved our democracy into authoritarianism.

I opposed authoritarian President Donald John Trump's behavior that made him a threat to our democracy prior to his election, and have witnessed that threat become a reality. Therefore, I cannot, in good conscience, fail to take the action the Constitution provides to protect the American people. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. addressed such questions of conscience when he proclaimed, "Cowardice asks the question, 'Is it safe?' Expediency asks the question, 'Is it politic?' Vanity asks the question, 'Is it popular?' But, conscience asks the question, 'Is it right?' And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must take it because one's conscience tells one that it is right." I understand that my stance may be neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but I honor the wisdom of King, and do it because conscience says it is right.

It is not unusual for the U.S. House of Representatives to vote multiple times before passing important legislation. Although, the first vote is not always the final victorious vote, it can be the foundational vote.

I have filed and will make H.Res.\_\_\_\_, Articles of Impeachment available to the press and public. I will call for a vote to impeach authoritarian President Donald John Trump at a time to be determined, knowing that the American people don't expect me to always win, however I do believe they expect me to always fight.

Sincerely,

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