

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, D.C. 20515

January 12, 2021

President Donald J. Trump  
Office of the President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

President Trump:

We call on you to resign immediately.

As your role in inciting Wednesday's violent assault on the Legislative Branch, the rule of law, and the will of the people showed, you are unwilling, or unable, to uphold the oath of office to defend the Constitution. Your continued occupancy of the office you now hold is a threat to our democracy, national security, and the safety of all Americans.

Whether or not it was clear to you before, you have blood on your hands. The chaos created at your direction by a violent mob of insurrectionists, white supremacists, and others on Wednesday has led to the death of at least five individuals, including U.S. Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, a twelve-year veteran of the USCP. Instead of immediately condemning this mob and demanding they disperse, you stated "we love you, you are very special."

Some members of your Cabinet are actively considering invoking the 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment to legally remove you from office. Other members of your Cabinet, as well as numerous appointees, have resigned due to your appalling, undemocratic actions.

The Speaker of the House and the soon-to-be Senate Majority Leader have made plainly clear that if you do not resign and your Cabinet does not invoke the 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment, Congress will proceed immediately with impeachment proceedings. There is bipartisan backing to see you removed from office.

The top federal prosecutor in Washington, D.C. – U.S. Attorney Michael Sherwin – has also said that "all actors...that maybe assisted or facilitated or played some ancillary role" in Wednesday's insurrection would be reviewed to determine whether criminal charges are appropriate.

On Thursday, in a recorded video posted to your Twitter account that you had to be coerced to do, you claimed that your "focus now turns to ensuring a smooth, orderly, and seamless transition of power. This moment calls for healing and reconciliation."

President Trump – we urge you: let that peaceful transition, healing, and reconciliation begin with your immediate departure from office. For far too long, your lies and blatant disregard for the rule of law have trampled the Constitution, embarrassed our nation, and stained the dignity of the office of the President of the United States. For the good of the country and the American people, resign.

Sincerely,

Peter A. DeFazio  
Member of Congress

Barbara Lee  
Member of Congress

Adriano Espaillat  
Member of Congress

Jan Schakowsky  
Member of Congress

Jim Cooper  
Member of Congress

André Carson  
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Marcy Kaptur  
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James Langevin  
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Kathleen Rice  
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Member of Congress

Donald M. Payne, Jr.  
Member of Congress

Pramila Jayapal  
Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

Julia Brownley  
Member of Congress

James P. McGovern  
Member of Congress

Earl Blumenauer  
Member of Congress

Ilhan Omar  
Member of Congress

Steve Cohen  
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Mondaire Jones  
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Sheila Jackson Lee  
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