

February 11, 2021

Congressman Peter Meijer
1508 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC, 20515-2203

Dear Congressman Meijer,

It is with great sadness and solemnity that we write to issue this formal Letter of Censure and to condemn your recent vote in favor of House Resolution 24 impeaching President Donald J. Trump.

You have stated repeatedly in interviews since the January 6th riot at the U.S. Capitol that you do not believe the President's speech at the Ellipse was responsible for the violence and vandalism that occurred, yet that is precisely the primary charge in H. Res. 24.

The resolution further makes allegations regarding a phone call between President Trump and Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger on January 2, 2021, yet neither Secretary Raffensperger nor anyone representing the President testified under oath regarding the conversation or what else may have been said, because there was no hearing to receive and examine those facts, or any facts for that matter—something unprecedented in modern times.

And what of the numerous reports that have come out since your vote, including testimony by Capitol Police Chief Yogananda Pittman before the House Appropriations Committee, that indicate law enforcement and perhaps even Congressional leadership were aware of potential threats and disruption days in advance of the rally, but did little if anything to investigate, prepare for, or prevent it?

Again, because of your inexplicable rush to judgment and the House's failure to hold a hearing to ensure due process, this information, along with details about who the rioters were and why they were there, was never fully discussed or evaluated prior to the vote on impeachment.

You've also alluded to having no other option but to vote for impeachment since Democrat leadership refused to allow for a vote on a censure resolution. That alone should have told you something, as should the fact that seven of the nine GOP colleagues who joined you in co-sponsoring H. Con. Res. 5 to censure the President refused to go along with this sham impeachment, yet you played right along, and in doing so, dangerously lowered the bar for impeachment and by your own admission, knowingly risked further dividing our country.

As our membership diligently debated what course of action to take in this matter, it ultimately came down to the fact that, without so much as a hearing, with few settled facts at your disposal, no due process, and with a key charge of the impeachment resolution that you clearly

disagreed with, you still chose to join Democrats in a partisan rush to judgment in an attempt to remove a president that was already set to leave office in just seven days.

You also knew the levels to which the Democrats in Congress had sunk in attempting to oust President Trump via the 2019 impeachment and that their ultimate goal this time was not so much impeachment and removal as it was barring him from running for office again.

While we understand that we will not always agree on every issue, to willingly vote for an Article of Impeachment that contains falsehoods while also knowing that it could potentially strip tens of millions of Americans of their right to support the candidate of their choice is an egregious breach of trust and simply unacceptable. In short, we expect better.

Regardless of the President's statements, there are many unanswered questions surrounding the 2020 election that continue to cause millions of Americans to question the integrity of our elections. We are counting on our Republican representatives to press for answers and accountability to help alleviate these concerns and ensure lawful and secure elections going forward.

While it remains our desire to work with you in service to the people of Calhoun County, we cannot do so without open and transparent dialogue, which in this case requires our harsh condemnation of your action which betrayed the trust of so many who supported you and violates our faith in our most basic constitutional values and protections.

We extend an invitation to address this body to discuss this matter in person as your calendar allows.

Signed,

Calhoun County Republican Executive Committee