



THE ASSEMBLY
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Hon. Mitch McConnell, Majority Leader, United States Senate
Hon. Nancy Pelosi, Speaker, United States House of Representatives
Hon. Charles E. Schumer, Minority Leader, United States Senate
Hon. Kevin McCarthy, Minority Leader, United States House of Representatives
United States Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Removal of Donald J. Trump as President of the United States

Dear Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, Leader Schumer, and Leader McCarthy:

The United States Capitol is the most recognizable symbol of democracy around the world, and we share your dismay and disgust at the insurrection that occurred there last Wednesday, January 6, 2021. This is now a day that will live in infamy in American history – enabled and incited by the words and actions of the sitting President, Donald J. Trump. As a result, we urge that Congress promptly pursue action and remove the sitting President office.

President Trump's actions and words knowingly helped incite this attempted coup and the extraordinary acts of domestic terrorism we witnessed last Wednesday. This was nothing less than an attempt to nullify the sacred trust of the American voter, who overwhelmingly expressed their choice for President by exercising their most fundamental American right – the right to vote – in an election that was fair and secure. Instead, a mob desecrated the U.S. Capitol and cost five American lives. It is as stunning as it is unacceptable and such actions must have swift repercussions for the sake of our democracy.

President Trump has repeatedly attempted to undermine our democracy by calling into question the results of a free and fair election this past November that has withstood more than 60 court challenges, repeatedly validating that there was no widespread abuse or fraud. Simply put, words have consequences – and the President's repeated efforts to undermine the truth and rally supporters to his personal and authoritarian cause culminated in Wednesday's direct attack on our Republic. To secure the future of democracy in the United States action must be taken to prevent a sitting President from subverting democracy.

Recognizing it is unlikely that Vice President Pence or the Cabinet will take steps to invoke the 25th Amendment, we urge and support congressional action to promptly pursue articles of impeachment. We do not make this recommendation lightly but believe the egregious and unprecedented actions of the sitting President warrant these steps. Moreover, it is necessary to establish a precedent and prevent any future occurrences.

It is important to note we welcome incoming President-elect Joe Biden and an urgent and aggressive 100-day agenda to begin healing the country and tackling the health and economic challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. We urge Congress to move expeditiously regarding the matter of the impeachment and removal of President Trump because he is a clear and present danger to our nation's security.

For the sake of a free and democratic United States, President Trump must resign. If not, we the undersigned Members of the New York State Assembly urge Congress to act swiftly to remove him. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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Speaker of the NYS Assembly

Assemblymember Patricia Fahy

Crystal Peoples-Stokes,
Majority Leader of the NYS Assembly

Assemblymember Jo Anne Simon

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