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MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Representative Peter Merideth
State Representative
District 80

May 1, 2018

The Honorable Todd Richardson, Speaker
Missouri House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Room 308
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On Thursday, March 1, 2018 the Missouri House of Representatives adopted House Resolution 5565 by a unanimous vote. The measure sponsored by Rep. Jay Barnes tasked the Special Investigative Committee on Oversight ("SICO") to "... investigate allegations against Governor Eric R. Greitens and report back to the House of Representatives." During floor debate, Rep. Barnes educated the body that SICO was expressly not authorized to pursue impeachment but was rather tasked with unbiased fact-gathering. Members of the body would be able to draw their own conclusions from SICO's report and decide for ourselves how to proceed next. HR 5565 made no mention of "impeachment."

SICO submitted its first Report on Wednesday, April 11th -- consisting of SICO's official report, as well as transcripts of the testimony and exhibits received by SICO. SICO then authorized itself to continue meeting through the end of the Second Regular Session and will likely submit further reports to the Missouri House of Representatives regarding other allegations against the governor.

The details of the first submitted Report describe actions taken by a candidate for the highest office in the State of Missouri that are disturbing, abusive, and criminal.

House Rule 63(3) of the Rules of the Missouri House, 99th General Assembly reads:

"Any resolution offered to request an investigation of a state official **for the purposes of impeachment** shall be referred to any committee designated by the Speaker. Articles of impeachment shall only be introduced by the committee designated to investigate the matter and shall be read by title on three separate days." (emphasis added).

On April 17, 2018, Minority leader Gail McCann-Beatty filed HR 6783, to authorize SICO to investigate impeachment and to introduce Articles of Impeachment to the Assembly upon a finding of good cause. In the two weeks following, no action has been taken by you. The Resolution has still not been referred to SICO, nor has any committee introduced articles of impeachment.

We understand that you may not want to distract SICO from continuing its investigation of other allegations against the Governor and are asking to defer action until after Session finishes. **While further investigation is certainly warranted into additional allegations against Eric R.**



Greitens, the gravity of what has been outlined in SICO's Report demands that action be taken immediately. For that reason, we are writing to offer an alternate approach, as follows:

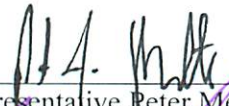
Today, House Democrats filed an alternate resolution HR 7432 to authorize a committee to investigate the first SICO Report, as well as any subsequent reports that may be received, to determine whether good cause exists to impeach Eric R. Greitens and, upon such a finding, to introduce articles of impeachment. SICO will then be free to continue investigating further matters while the Assembly begins to take action.

We request that you immediately refer this Resolution to a committee of your choosing, to begin the process of impeachment. Further delay on this matter tells our constituents across the state that despite unanimous agreement of a bipartisan committee those allegations of atrocious sexual assault are credible, such assault is insufficient cause to remove our state's highest elected official from office.

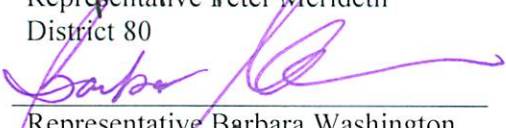
We implore you to act quickly on this matter, and to begin steps to remove this man from our highest office. The President Pro Tem of the Senate has called for impeachment, and our Attorney General has confirmed that the details of the report are sufficient for impeachment. The people of Missouri are waiting on **us** to act -- the time to do so is now.

Respectfully,

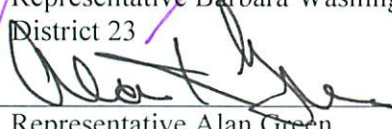
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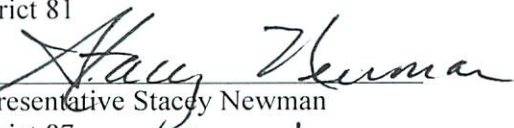
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