



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

November 16, 2019

The Honorable Ron Johnson
United States Senator
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Johnson:

On September 24, 2019, Speaker Nancy Pelosi unilaterally announced that the House of Representatives would initiate an inquiry into impeaching President Donald J. Trump concerning the President's telephone conversation with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on July 25.¹ Democrats allege that President Trump "jeopardized U.S. national security by pressuring Ukraine to initiate politically-motivated investigations that could interfere in U.S. domestic politics."² We respectfully write to request any firsthand information that you possess and are willing to provide relating to the Democrats' "impeachment inquiry."

According to information obtained during the Democrats' "impeachment inquiry" and news reports, you have firsthand information about facts at issue in this inquiry. You joined the high-level U.S. delegation to President Zelensky's inauguration in May 2019, as well as the subsequent debriefing with President Trump.³ You also participated in phone calls with Ambassador Sondland and President Trump, and a meeting with President Zelensky, Senator Murphy, and Ambassador Taylor in Kyiv on September 5.⁴ These events are relevant to the "impeachment inquiry."

House Democrats have been engaged in a one-sided, partisan, and fundamentally unfair "impeachment inquiry." They have declined to allow the anonymous whistleblower to testify, despite their previous promises that he would testify.⁵ Democrats have declined to call witnesses identified by Republicans. They have interrupted Republican questioning and even directed witnesses not to answer Republican questions. Democrats have provided no due process protections for the President.

¹ Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Pelosi Remarks Announcing Impeachment Inquiry (Sept. 24, 2019).

² H. Rpt. 116-266, 116th Cong. 2-3 (2019).

³ See, e.g., transcribed interview of Kurt Volker, in Wash., D.C., at 29, 289-93 (Oct. 3, 2019).

⁴ See, e.g., "Open Hearing with Ambassador Bill Taylor and George Kent": Hearing before the H. Perm. Sel. Comm. on Intelligence, 116th Cong. (2019).

⁵ See, e.g., Josh Mitchell, *Whistleblower is expected to testify soon, House Intelligence Chairman Schiff says*, Wall St. J., Sept. 29, 2019.

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Accordingly, because the Democrats have abandoned fundamental fairness and objectivity in their "impeachment inquiry," we reluctantly write to request any firsthand information you have about President Trump's actions toward Ukraine between April and September 2019. We appreciate any information that you could provide. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



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