

January 7, 2020

Dear Senator:

On behalf of Common Cause's 1.2 million supporters, we strongly urge Senate Majority Leader McConnell, Senate Minority Leader Schumer, and all Senators to ensure a fair impeachment trial for the good of the nation by agreeing to the following terms detailed in our recent [impeachment report](#):

- Reach bipartisan agreement before the trial begins on procedures to supplement existing Senate impeachment trial rules, including subpoenaing witnesses and admission of evidence;
- Allow to be admitted into the Senate trial record as evidence all House impeachment inquiry materials designated by the House Judiciary Committee as publicly available, including transcripts of depositions, public hearing testimony and other documents;
- Allow full presentation of the House managers' case before any votes on motions to dismiss or other motions that could terminate the Senate impeachment trial;
- Senators must return any and all political contributions raised by President Trump for any political committee with which Senators are affiliated, or they must recuse themselves from the trial; and
- Permit public access to the Senate trial to the greatest extent possible, limiting transparency only in furtherance of compelling interests, such as protection of classified information, whistleblower anonymity, and confidentiality of final deliberation of articles of impeachment following closing arguments.

Witnesses who have first-hand knowledge of President Trump's alleged bribery scheme, such as John Bolton and Mick Mulvaney, must be compelled to testify. If they are not initially allowed to testify, motions to subpoena these critical witnesses must be made during the trial. We will mobilize our 1.2 million supporters to contact their Senators to encourage them to vote for any such motions.

The impeachment of President Donald Trump was unfortunate but absolutely necessary to safeguard our democracy and curb the President's ongoing and blatant abuse of the powers of his office. The American people deserve a president who puts what's best for the nation before what's best for them politically. President Trump refused to do that. Instead, the President tried to bully and coerce Ukraine into smearing one of his political rivals by withholding U.S. military aid to the imperiled U.S. ally.

The American people also deserve a fair trial of the impeached President in the United States Senate – not a show trial to attempt to excuse the abuses of office which led to President Trump's impeachment. All Senators must put the interests of the nation before the interests of their political party. If Senator McConnell and Senate Republicans truly believe that President Trump is innocent of the high crimes for which he was impeached by the House, then they should agree to a fair trial.

Americans deserve nothing less than the full truth. They deserve to see a fair trial, and they are watching closely to see if Senate Republicans fulfill their constitutional duty to serve as an impartial jury or blindly conduct a rigged trial.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Hobert Flynn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Hobert Flynn  
President  
Common Cause