

Holding Power Accountable

Common Cause Urges Members of Congress to Vote for H.Res. 21 and Articles of Impeachment against Donald J. Trump; Will Include Votes in Our “Democracy Scorecard”

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Dear Representative:

The events of January 6th in Washington, D.C. shook the foundations of our democratic republic. President Trump incited armed rioters to storm our center of government and overtake the U.S. Capitol to try to overturn an election, which led to at least five deaths. President Trump spurred this violent insurrection through conspiracy theories and lies in his failed attempt to overturn the results that Department of Homeland Security officials called the election “the most secure in American history.” Congress must immediately hold President Trump accountable for inciting these riots before anyone else is killed or injured.

Trump has shown no remorse or regret for his actions. He continues to spout lies and disinformation that he won the election. Following the violence, President Trump said about these criminal and seditious insurrectionists who stormed the Capitol, “We love you,” and “You’re very special.” Trump also defended the ransacking of the Capitol, tweeting, “These are the things and events that happen when a sacred landslide election victory is so unceremoniously & viciously stripped away.”

He must be removed from office, either through the 25th Amendment or by impeachment. Censure is insufficient.

Common Cause, on behalf of our more than 1.5 million supporters, strongly urges you to vote “yes” on H.Res. 21 and articles of impeachment against President Donald J. Trump, and we will score these votes in our next [Democracy Scorecard](#).

Americans expect and deserve a President who respects the United States Constitution, the oath of office, and the results of free and fair elections. However, it is clear that President Trump has zero respect for the rule of law, the peaceful transition of power, and the Constitution.

Trump is an immediate danger to inciting more violence against our democracy. Every second he remains in office is a threat to the safety and security of our nation. Trump is a clear and present threat to our country, has violated his oath of office, and must not be allowed to remain president. We cannot allow his actions to go unpunished and must immediately hold President Trump accountable. The 25th amendment and impeachment and removal from office are the only solutions to protect Americans from his continued abuses of power as president.

We strongly urge you to defend our Constitution and the rule of law by voting “yes” on H.Res. 21 and on the subsequent articles of impeachment.

Sincerely,



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President
Common Cause

Since 1970, [Common Cause](#) has been working to hold power accountable through lobbying, litigation, and organizing. Our non-partisan, pro-democracy work has helped pass hundreds of reforms at the federal, state, and local levels. We now have 30 state chapters and more than 1.5 million members around the country who are working to strengthen our democracy.

