

*Holding Power Accountable***Common Cause Urges the Senate to Vote for Article of Impeachment Against Donald J. Trump; Will Include Vote in Our Next “Democracy Scorecard”**

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Dear Senator:

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 an election that Department of Homeland Security officials called “the most secure in American history.” The Senate must convict President Trump.

The former president has shown no remorse or regret for his actions. He began his targeted campaign to discredit the election results months before Election Day. Having lost, he then pressured state legislators to thwart election counts in a clear effort to suppress the votes of Black and Brown voters. In one public example, he called the Georgia Secretary of State and pressured him to “find” more than 11,000 non-existent votes, an action currently under criminal investigation in Georgia. He solicited the mob to come to Washington on January 6 and instructed them to go to the Capitol to “fight like hell.”

Following the insurrection on January 6th, he continued to spout lies and disinformation that he won the election. As the violent takeover was ongoing, 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.”

You must convict President Trump for inciting the insurrection and bar him from ever holding office again.

Common Cause, on behalf of our more than 1.5 million supporters, strongly urges you to vote “yes” on the article of impeachment to convict Donald J. Trump. We will score this vote 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.

Even as a private citizen now, Trump is an immediate danger to inciting more violence against our democracy, especially given his hints about running for future office. Trump remains a clear and present threat to our country, violated his oath of office, and must not be allowed to hold elected office again. There can be no unity without accountability. Voting against conviction gives a green light to future autocrats to further undermine the Constitution.

We strongly urge you to defend our Constitution and the rule of law by voting “yes” to convict Donald J. Trump on the incitement of insurrection article of impeachment, and if two-thirds of the Senate votes to convict, we urge you to immediately vote to prevent him from holding office again.

Sincerely,



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