



1 July 2019

Re: Impeachment inquiry against President Trump

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

On behalf of our more than two million members and activists in the United States, we urge you to immediately begin an impeachment inquiry against Donald Trump.

This is not a request we make lightly. As advocates for a just and healthy world, our work depends on the rule of law. Movements fighting for climate justice, alongside movements fighting for racial and economic justice, can achieve none of our goals if we continue the slow slide into cronyism and lawlessness led by Donald Trump.

From the emoluments clause Trump began violating his first day in office to the considerable evidence of obstruction outlined in the Mueller report, there is more than sufficient cause to begin an impeachment inquiry. Allowing these potential crimes to go uninvestigated—let alone unpunished—is a mistake that could reverberate for generations. A criminal President is indeed a grave threat to our norms and institutions. But so too is a House of Representatives which refuses to meet its constitutional obligations by failing to mount an impeachment inquiry to investigate Donald Trump.

I have included a resolution debated and passed by Friends of the Earth and Friends of the Earth Action's Board of Directors calling on you and House of Representatives Judiciary Committee Chairman Nadler to begin an impeachment inquiry immediately. We will be calling on our members and activists to express their support for an impeachment inquiry, and look forward to supporting efforts to hold Donald Trump accountable in the weeks and months ahead.

Sincerely,

Erich Pica

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erich Pica".

President
Friends of the Earth and Friends of the Earth Action

CC: Chairman Jerry Nadler

Joint Resolution of the Friends of the Earth U.S.'s Board and the Friends of the Earth Action's Board regarding an impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump passed June 21, 2019

Whereas, Friends of the Earth U.S. and Friends of the Earth Action represent nearly 1.9 million members and activists dedicated to creating a more healthy and just world by promoting an inclusive and well-functioning democracy, combatting corruption, and strengthening the rule of law.

Whereas, Donald Trump has abused the public trust by making false or misleading statements more than 10,800 times;

Whereas, Donald Trump has violated both the Constitution's domestic and foreign emoluments clauses and used the presidency to enrich himself and his family by funneling taxpayer dollars to his hotels and resorts, and allowing foreign governments, including oil-producing nations such as UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Russia, to curry favor by patronizing his businesses;

Whereas, he has abused his power and failed to faithfully execute the laws of the United States by interfering with federal climate science, dismissing federal scientific advisory panels without cause, and failing to release the legally mandated "Our Changing Planet" report for the past three years;

Whereas, his reckless words and actions threaten the nation's national security by undermining key alliances and treaties, eroding public confidence in our national intelligence agencies, and denying the scientific and global political consensus concerning the threat of human-driven climate change;

Whereas there are ample grounds to believe that Donald Trump has committed additional high crimes and misdemeanors including, but not limited to, obstruction of justice, contempt of Congress, suborning perjury, abrogating press freedoms, and violating campaign finance laws.

Therefore, be it resolved, the Boards of Directors of Friends of the Earth U.S. and Friends of the Earth Action call upon Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee Jerry Nadler, and the House of Representatives to begin an impeachment inquiry and exercise every constitutional and statutory means necessary to defend the Constitution, democracy, and the rule of law.