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Dear Philip:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the impeachment of our 45th President, Donald J. Trump. This issue is of utmost concern to our country given the constitutional questions and the day-to-day operation of our government, so I welcome the opportunity to respond with my thoughts.

It is no secret that many elected Democrats have been focused on impeaching Donald Trump and reversing the results of the 2016 election since before he was sworn in as the 45th President. First, they spent two and a half years investigating Russian collusion. When there was no "there" there, they moved on to obstruction and then "quid pro quo." Midway through their non-public impeachment investigation, Democrats again changed the charge, this time from "quid pro quo" to "bribery."

After holding no Republican-led hearings, the House Judiciary Committee drafted two articles of impeachment accusing the President of abuse of power for personal gain and of obstructing Congress. Committee Chairmen, Democrats Nadler from New York and Schiff from California, refused to allow all but two Republican-called witnesses to testify. Instead, the same testimony was repeated from second-hand witnesses and liberal law professors for prime-time televised hearings.

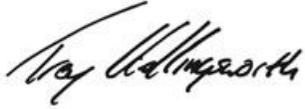
The first allegation rests entirely upon an uncorroborated belief among several so-called 'witnesses' that President Trump did not ever intend to investigate corruption in Ukraine as the law allows him to but rather sought to pressure Ukraine's new President to publicly announce an investigation of former Vice-President Joe Biden solely for personal gain.

The second allegation neglects the fact that Congressional subpoenas are subject to judicial review and that the subject of a subpoena has the right to inquire whether or not they must comply. In fact, Speaker Pelosi and House Democrats sued in federal court, attempting to force Administration officials to comply with their thinly-substantiated subpoena requests but chose to abandon their legal efforts in favor of accusing the President of obstruction before the courts has issued a final decision.

On December 18, I joined every Republican and three Democrats in voting against the impeachment of President Trump. House Democrats have misappropriated a solemn constitutional duty to delegitimize the 62 million voters who supported our President. The entirety of Donald Trump's presidency has been mired by investigations in search of an excuse to overturn the 2016 election, but still this Administration has delivered the strongest economy in modern history, emboldened our military heroes to take out ISIS' top terrorists, and negotiated international trade deals, all as promised.

In the long term, I am concerned about the precedent that this partisan impeachment, the first in our nation's history, sets. The extraordinary measure of impeaching a duly-elected president must be taken in extraordinary circumstances, and I believe the Democrats fell short in proving these circumstances as such. In the short term, I am pleased that impeachment is behind us in the House of Representatives enabling us to do work for the People in the People's House.

Be of good cheer,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trey Hollingsworth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

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