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Hello –

I would like to share a letter from Congressman Larson and 30 Members of Congress that was addressed to Vice President Pence and member of the Cabinet. Please see attached and let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

January 8, 2021

Vice President Michael R. Pence Office of the Vice President The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Vice President,

After the horrific attack on the Capitol yesterday, instigated by President Trump, we are writing to you to request you invoke Section 4 of the 25th Amendment to determine the President as unfit if he "is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office."

This week's events were shocking and unprecedented in our nation's history. They amount to an attempted coup of our nation's legislative body to stop the certification of the electoral college results and the peaceful transition of power from one Administration to the next. President Trump's role leading up to and during the events have made it clear that he is unfit to remain in office for the next 13 days and poses imminent danger to our democracy.

His attacks on you, his own Vice President, his attempts to coerce the Georgia Secretary of State to illegally tamper with election results, his unfounded claims of widespread voter fraud denounced by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and not supported by the courts or states, and his insistence that he won the election in a landslide, all demonstrate he is a malignant narcissist and demagogue who is incapable of leading and protecting the country.

Equally alarming is his response to the rioters, from failing to provide necessary federal resources including the National Security Special Event designation; turning down the request of the DC Police to have the National Guard participate in the security of the event; failing to immediately deploy additional support once it became clear that the Capitol was breached; and calling the violent rioters "true patriots". Therefore, we urge you to expeditiously step in and move forward with invoking the 25th Amendment. Our democracy is at risk and we must explore every measure the Constitution affords us to remove him from office.

We request an immediate response.

Sincerely,

John B. Larson

MEMBER OF CONGRESS

CC:

The Honorable Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture

The Honorable Jeffrey Rosen, Acting Attorney General

The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., Secretary of Commerce

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