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Committee on the Judiciary

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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
Chairman
House Judiciary Committee
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Nadler,

During yesterday's impeachment hearing, Representative Jim Sensenbrenner furnished you with a timely demand for a minority day of hearings, signed by all Republican Members of the Committee.¹ You declined repeated requests by Republican Members during the hearing to acknowledge your obligation to schedule such a hearing or to provide any details on your planned schedule for further impeachment proceedings.

Clause 2(j)(1) of Rule XI is clear and unequivocal: Once the demand is made, Minority Members "shall be entitled to... call witnesses selected by the minority to testify with respect to that measure or matter during at least one day of hearing thereon."² As you have previously stated: "It is not the Chairman's right to determine whether we "deserve" a hearing; it is not the Chairman's right to decide whether his prior hearings were sufficient; it is not the Chairman's right to decide whether what we say or think is acceptable; and it is certainly never the Chairman's right to violate the rules in order to interfere with our right to conduct a hearing."³

Considering the haste with which this sham impeachment has been conducted, it is imperative that you contact me or my office as soon as possible to consult on scheduling the requested minority hearing day. The requested minority hearing day *must* take place before articles of impeachment are considered by the Committee. I'll remind you once more: "The Chairman is entitled to his opinions. He is not entitled to break the rules, abuse his power, and impose his will."⁴

Sincerely,



Doug Collins
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Minority Leader

¹ Letter from the Honorable Jim Sensenbrenner, Representative, to the Honorable Jerrold Nadler, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee. (Dec. 4, 2019).

² Rules of the House of Representatives. Rule XI. Clause 2(j)(1).

³ Press Release, The Honorable Jerrold Nadler, Nadler Remarks on Privileged Resolution (June 15, 2005).

⁴ *Id.*