

**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on the Judiciary**  
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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman,

As the House Judiciary Committee prepares to begin consideration of the so-called “impeachment inquiry” against President Donald J. Trump, we write to remind you of our recent letters demanding that this Committee provide the due process the Intelligence Committee, and Chairman Adam Schiff, did not.<sup>1</sup>

In our most recent markup, the Committee adopted, by voice vote, legislation to address anti-competitive behavior in prescription drug markets and lower prescription drug costs. That bill was the product of bipartisan negotiations with multiple stakeholders, and it received bipartisan support at markup. It shows what we can accomplish when we put partisan politics aside.

Unfortunately, during this session, such bipartisan cooperation has been the exception, rather than the rule. Under your leadership, bipartisan solutions to real problems affecting real Americans have been sacrificed in favor of Committee Democrats’ obsession with impeaching the president and undoing the 2016 election.

For example, this Committee has failed to craft an agricultural guest worker bill that can actually be enacted—or, more broadly, to do anything to fix the immigration crisis at our southern border. Rather, this Committee’s actions have only exacerbated the crisis.

This Committee has failed to address mass violence and domestic terrorism—instead passing a series of bills that would do nothing to stem the tide of violence at schools, in urban and rural communities, and elsewhere. These bills have no chance of being enacted.

This Committee has failed to take any action whatsoever to address the opioid epidemic plaguing our nation. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, more than 130 people in the United States die every day after overdosing on opioids.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., Letter from Republican Members of the H. Comm, on Judiciary to Chmn. Jerrold Nadler, November 12, 2019, available at <https://republicans-judiciary.house.gov/press-release/republicans-to-nadler-make-up-for-intelligence-committees-failure/>.

<sup>2</sup> National Institute on Drug Abuse, “Opioid Overdose Crisis,” January 2019, available at <https://www.drugabuse.gov/drugs-abuse/opioids/opioid-overdose-crisis>.

This Committee has failed to take any action to establish a new eligibility test to encourage investment in developing new U.S. technologies and ensure American inventors aren't at a global disadvantage, or take any meaningful steps to protect Americans' intellectual property from theft by China and other hostile nation-states.

This Committee, despite significant rhetoric from the Speaker and other leading Democrats, has failed to pass any significant bipartisan legislation to bolster election security.

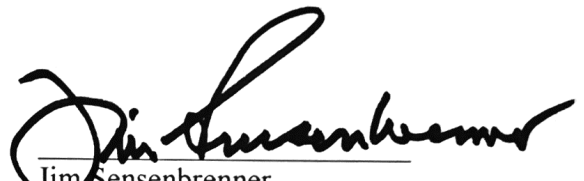
This Committee has abdicated its responsibility to conduct normal, constitutionally-mandated oversight of the Department of Justice.

The above is by no means an exhaustive list. Thus far during the 116th Congress, this Committee—and the Democratic House as a whole—have utterly failed in their duty to the American people. This has happened because Democrats, beholden to a radical base, are determined to impeach the president, no matter the cost and by any means necessary. This irresponsible, reckless behavior threatens to undermine the very credibility of this House.

Committee Republicans stand ready to work with you to address the above challenges. However, should you continue to pursue this “impeachment inquiry,” and do so without regard for the fundamentally American principles of fairness and due process, we will resist vigorously. Our constituents deserve no less.

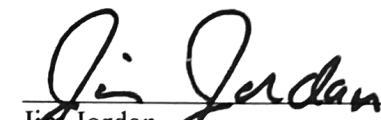
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Doug Collins  
Ranking Member

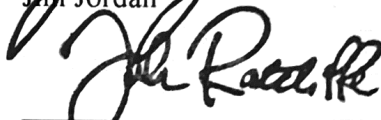
  
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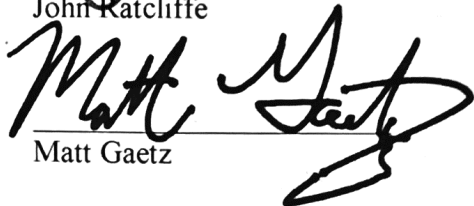
  
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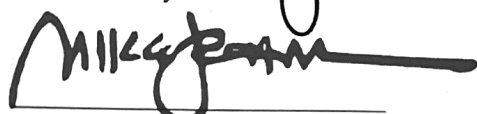
  
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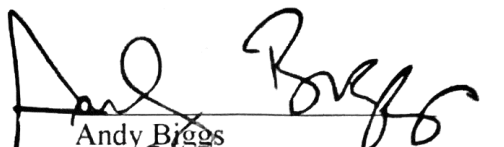
  
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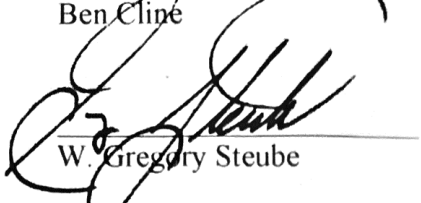
  
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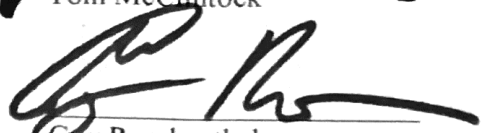
  
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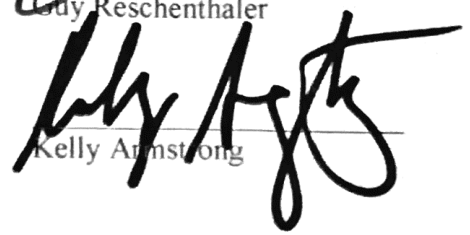
  
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