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## **The American Conservative Union Urges Representatives to Vote NO on Impeachment Resolution**

**Alexandria, VA—** Today, the American Conservative Union (ACU) urged Congress to reject the Impeachment Resolution against President Trump introduced by Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.

No American should be deprived of fundamental rights in a judicial proceeding; this fundamental tenet of American democracy applies to all of us, including the President of the United States. Speaker Pelosi's "process" has disgraced the House of Representatives as it has busted historical precedent in a last ditch attempt to destroy the political standing of President Trump.

Impeachment has historically begun with a full vote of the House of Representatives and in the prior two impeachment efforts, the votes were overwhelmingly bipartisan in favor of authorizing the inquiry. Today's process has been marred by closed hearings, selective leaks, and even the outright denial of witnesses to be permitted to answer legitimate questions from minority party members in the room.

Speaker Pelosi and her lieutenants, including Adam Schiff, believe that starting to dump information into the public record and taking a pro-forma vote will straighten out what they have already destroyed. However, you cannot retroactively fix violations of due process. You cannot go back and cross-examine witnesses, have counsel present, call your own witnesses in secret sessions to contradict previous witnesses. This is a fatal defect of the inquiry that Speaker Pelosi and Adam Schiff will eventually try to paper over.

Impeachment is the most extreme constitutional option as a recourse when evidence of wrongdoing is found: and as the most extreme option, it must be undertaken with the most extreme caution. It was never intended to be used as a means to find evidence of any crime. No member of Congress is free to conduct examinations of criminality when there has been no evidence of criminality in the first place. It is a scandal that a duly-elected President of the United States is being afforded less legal rights than those who cross our southern border illegally.

After 2 1/2 years of the Mueller probe – and now daily leaks from the administrative state – it is clear that Donald Trump is not the perpetrator of a crime but the victim of many crimes. And it all started with the attempt to "stop him" during the 2016 election and subsequent transition, going through years of an investigation that turned up nothing, and now a sham process all designed to nullify the results of the 2016 election and pre-emptively affect the results of the 2020 election.

ACU will be holding every Representative and Senator accountable: that starts with the vote today, which continues to deny the President his right to due process and mount a defense against those in Washington who seek to destroy this Presidency.

**THE AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION URGES ALL REPRESENTATIVES TO VOTE "NO" ON SPEAKER PELOSI'S IMPEACHMENT RESOLUTION AND PUT AN END TO THIS SHAM OF A PROCESS**

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