

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 21, 2019

The Honorable Adam B. Schiff
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
U.S. House of Representatives
HVC-304, Capitol Visitor Center
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On September 24, 2019, Speaker Nancy Pelosi unilaterally announced that the House of Representatives would initiate an inquiry into impeaching President Donald J. Trump.¹ Although Speaker Pelosi promised that Democrats would “treat the President with fairness,”² you have repeatedly prevented Republicans from fully and fairly examining issues central to the Democrats’ “impeachment inquiry.” Therefore, pursuant to House Rule XI, Clause 2(j)(1), we, the undersigned Republican Members of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, exercise our right to convene a hearing with witnesses selected by the Minority to testify in the Democrats’ “impeachment inquiry.”

House Rule XI, Clause 1(a)(1)(A) states that “[t]he Rules of the House are the rules of its committees and subcommittees so far as applicable.”³ House Rule XI, Clause 2(j)(1) provides that “the minority members of the committee shall be entitled, upon request to the chair by a majority of them before the completion of the hearing, to call witnesses selected by the minority to testify”⁴ Notably, this rule was not displaced by H. Res. 660 and, therefore, under House Rule XI, Clause 1(a)(1)(A), it applies to the Democrats’ “impeachment inquiry.”⁵

As the Committee continues to conduct the Democrats’ partisan and one-sided “impeachment inquiry,” there are still important perspectives and serious issues that you have prevented the Committee from examining. We will inform you of the witnesses we intend to call once you have provided a hearing date and time to which we agree. Your failure to schedule this hearing shall constitute evidence of your denial of fundamental fairness and due process.

¹ Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Pelosi Remarks Announcing Impeachment Inquiry (Sept. 24, 2019).

² Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Transcript of Pelosi Weekly Press Conference Today (Oct. 2, 2019).

³ House Rule XI, cl. 1(a)(1)(A).

⁴ House Rule XI, cl. 2(j)(1).

⁵ See generally, H. Res. 660, 116th Cong. (2019).

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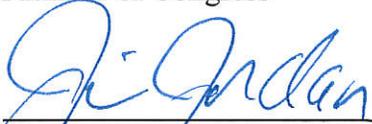
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