

**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 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment to determine the President as unfit if he “is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office.”

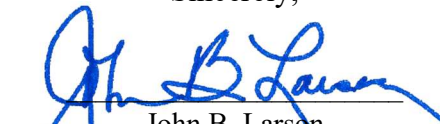
This week’s events were shocking and unprecedented in our nation’s history. They amount to an attempted coup of our nation’s legislative body to stop the certification of the electoral college results and the peaceful transition of power from one Administration to the next. President Trump’s role leading 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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  
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The Honorable Alex Azar, Secretary of Health and Human Services  
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The Honorable David Bernhardt, Secretary of the Interior  
The Honorable Eugene Scalia, Secretary of Labor  
The Honorable Mike Pompeo, Secretary of State  
The Honorable Steven Bradbury, Acting Secretary of Transportation  
The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury  
The Honorable Robert Wilkie, Secretary of Veteran Affairs

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