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Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Chairman, JAMES R. JONES, M.C.
House Judiciary Committee, WASHINGTON, D.C.
House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rodino:

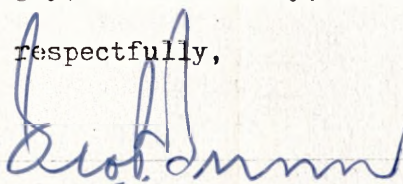
As a concerned citizen I am writing you and the other members of your Committee, expressing my opinion concerning impeachment of the President, an opinion which I find in my travels to be that of most thinking citizens whom I contact.

Patriotic, thinking people yearn hopefully for the appearance again of some real statesmen among our Congressmen. Oh that this might come to pass in your Committee! The political scandals evolving out of the Watergate episode and other campaign irregularities are, indeed, reprehensible. Congress - for no one else can - should move with dispatch to avert recurrence of these evils in our system just as in the past Congress has corrected other flaws. After all these months of sideshow antics by some cheap, pettifogging destructionists we see our beloved country placed in extreme jeopardy. These men, selfishly and perhaps not altogether unwittingly, are playing into the hands of our enemies! Sensationally oriented news media cannot distinguish between news facts, their own warped opinions, and misleading innuendos. The scant results of the hundreds of bird-dogging investigators, operating at our expense, have revealed to the American public no substantial solid evidence of crime or intentional misconduct of President Nixon. The President has evidently made some mistakes, some honestly acknowledged. We think he has used poor judgment in a number of instances; but after all he is human and no more omnipotent than the rest of us! We can see now that it is even remarkable he has succeeded in so many worthy accomplishments for the country while he has been exposed to the advice of so many political associates who have already been proven unreliable or immoral!

Is it not time, therefore, to turn again to constructive measures? If, after all the efforts and costs expended by countless agencies, you now have no more real evidence against Richard Nixon than has been given the public, then in the best interests of us all and the preservation of our status in world relations, speedily report no sound basis for impeachment proceedings or for any other further delays which can only weaken our nation and do violence to the American people. Will not the genuine statesmen among you speak out forcefully and convincingly, without delay, in favor of ending these factors of disunity?

Yours respectfully,

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February 5, 1974

Mr. George P. Bunn
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Dear Mr. Bunn:

Thank you very much for communicating with me concerning your opinions on the question of impeachment.

After several resolutions of impeachment were introduced last year, the House Judiciary Committee was assigned the responsibility of investigating the facts to determine whether there was evidence to personally implicate the President in an impeachable offense.

A staff was assembled in December to begin this study. It is expected that the Judiciary Committee staff investigation will be completed sometime in April. At that time, the evidence will be presented and a vote taken to determine whether impeachment proceedings should begin or be dropped.

Most House Members, including myself, believe that we should keep an open mind and decide on the basis of the legal evidence which is presented later in the spring.

In the meantime, Congress has a full agenda of important business in the areas of energy, the economy, and other domestic legislation which will occupy my work and attention.

I do appreciate your taking the time to share your views with me, and I will keep these in mind at such time as I am called upon to decide on this issue.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

JAMES R. JONES
Member of Congress

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