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Mr. Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Chairman
Judiciary Committee
c/o House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Rodino:

I support the President of the United States of America, Richard M. Nixon, because of his accomplishments!

We should uphold our leaders; it is not right that they should be harassed and accused unjustly to the point it is difficult to carry on the affairs of our great Nation.

I pray that you and your committee, in considering impeachment of the President of the United States, will not be influenced by your personal feelings or by contributions made to your own election campaigns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Earl Sowards

cc: President Richard M. Nixon
cc: Senator Henry Bellmon
cc: Senator Dewey Bartlett
cc: Hon. James R. Jones, Representative

GM Watergate Sowards

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Mrs. Earl Sowards
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Dear Mrs. Sowards:

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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