NAACP URGES THE U.S. SENATE TO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL WITNESSES AND EVIDENCE IN IMPEACHMENT TRIAL OF PRESIDENT TRUMP

THE ISSUE:
Last Friday, 1/24/2020, the “impeachment managers” from the US House of Representatives completed their opening statements in the Senate trial of President Donald J. Trump. Over the course of 24 hours, they presented the evidence that had been gathered during almost 5 months of hearings at the end of 2019. It was this evidence which led to his formal impeachment on two articles of impeachment by the House of Representatives on December 18, 2019 for committing high crimes and misdemeanors in abusing his power and obstructing a Congressional investigation.

On Tuesday, 1/28/2020 President Trump’s defense attorneys (who also had up to 24 hours to make their case) completed their opening arguments in the on-going trial to determine whether or not to remove President Donald J. Trump from office.

Senators, who have been acting as the “jury” in the case, will then submit their written questions to U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, who is presiding over the case. On Wednesday and Thursday, Chief Justice Roberts compiles the questions and reads them to the attorneys for answers. This process can take up to 16 hours.

On Friday, 1/31/2020, House impeachment managers and President Trump’s defense team each have up to two hours for closing arguments. After that, the Senate is scheduled to vote on whether to compel the testimony of additional witnesses and documents — or end the case with a vote to dismiss or to acquit.

It would be a tremendous disservice to our democracy not to call witnesses who can shed additional light on the potential misdeeds of President Trump. Potential witnesses include John Bolton, who served as President Trump’s National Security Advisor; Mick Mulvaney, his Acting Chief of Staff; and President Trump’s Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. These men, and others, should be summoned by the U.S. Senate, otherwise it will be a trial with months-old testimony and evidence and nothing new, either damaging to or exonerating the President, will be heard. And a trial without all the evidence cannot really be called a trial.
THE ACTION WE NEED YOU TO TAKE:
Contact both your Senators and URGE THEM TO DEMAND ADDITIONAL WITNESSES AND EVIDENCE IN PRESIDENT TRUMP’S IMPEACHMENT TRIAL. To contact your Senators you may:
✔ Make a Phone Call:
Call your Senators in Washington by dialing the Capitol Switchboard and asking to be transferred to their offices. The switchboard phone number is (202) 224-3121 (see message section, below).

Write a Letter
To write letters to your Senators, send them to:
The Honorable (name of Senator)
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.  20510
✔ Send a Fax
If you would like to send a fax, call your Senators’ offices (through the Capitol switchboard) and ask for their fax numbers (you can use either the attached sample letter or the message box, below).
✔ Send an E-Mail
To send an e-mail to your Senators, go to www.senate.gov and click on “Contact” on the left hand side. You can look up your Senators by name or state; go to their web sites to send an e-mail.

REMEMBER TO CONTACT BOTH YOUR SENATORS!!!!!

THE MESSAGE

• On Friday, 1/31/2020, the Senate is scheduled to vote on whether to compel additional witnesses and documents — or end the case with a vote to dismiss or to acquit;

• We must DEMAND that the Senators vote for additional witnesses and evidence;

• It would be a tremendous disservice to our democracy not to call witnesses who can shed additional light on the potential misdeeds of President Trump, or exonerate him of the charges he faces;

• A trial without evidence cannot really be called a trial.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS IMPORTANT MATTER!!!
If you have any questions, call Hilary Shelton at the Washington Bureau at (202) 463-2940.

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The Honorable ___________________________
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.  20510

RE: THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE IN THE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL OF PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

Dear Senator ______________________________;

As your constituent, I respectfully must insist that you vote in support of the United States Senate calling additional witnesses and evidence in the impeachment trial of President Donald J. Trump. It would be a tremendous disservice to our democracy not to call witnesses who can shed light on the allegations against President Trump.

We need to see all the potential evidence, both old and new, which might be damaging to or exonerating the President. New witnesses and evidence may have come forward since the House of Representatives’ hearings, and we deserve to hear from them. We as a nation have invested so much to date in uncovering the truth, we need to see this through to the end.

I again urge you to do all you can to ensure that we see all the evidence, both old and new. A trial without evidence cannot really be called a trial.

Sincerely,

(sign and print your name and remember to include your address)

Remember to contact BOTH your Senators.