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Rep. Betty McCollum

St. Paul MN 55114

Re: Trump Impeachment

Dear Rep. McCollum:

In September I wrote you supporting the then-proposed Impeachment Inquiry by Congress.

Now I write in full support of the Impeachment of President Trump. I know the difficulties ahead.

A few days ago, fyi, I wrote my own imperfect opinion in a Dec. 14 blogpost entitled Impeachment: <https://outsidethewalls.org/blog/impeachment/>.

Also fyi, are two enclosures:

- 1) A letter to family members at Christmas 2019 (note hi-lited sections)
- 2) Two pages from Friedrich Hayek's long ago book, "The Road to Serfdom" (this edition was enthusiastically endorsed by Milton Friedman.). This one needs a little explanation. Hayek was a hero of American capitalists. A conservative friend suggested that I read the book in the early 2000s, and I did, and found that in many particulars, Hayek resonated with me, much to my surprise, and to my conservative friends consternation. The book was published in 1944, and much is easily available about both the book and Hayek himself. The particular pages which I have enclosed I unexpectedly found this morning, looking for something else. I have seldom seen such a clear description of today's Trump "base", as the Tea Party has evolved over the past years. As I recall the book, Hayek was railing against radical English socialists, and of course, the National Socialism of Nazi Germany.

I am tempted to go into more depth with the comparisons between Hayek's England and Trumps America, but let this suffice.

Thank you, and all best wishes.

Sincerely,

C: Sens Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith