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**re Your Comments on the Article regarding the Jefferson Protocol**

We appreciate your comments and are deeply grateful for them. Thanks for your excellent letter. Let's get to it and I pledge to be accurate as I can:

- My conviction is that John Dean's tragically off the mark. Of course we must pursue impeachment of the entire Bush gang, and it's nuts to say, "Don't bother with the 2 guys at the top because you can't get impeachment." That's a false dichotomy. First, if I didn't think impeachment, indictment, prosecution, conviction and jail time for Bush and Cheney were possible, I wouldn't bother devoting practically all my time to achieving it. Of course impeachment's not only possible, but inevitable — provided the American people insist on justice. As the investigations commence, starting with Henry Waxman and leading to John Conyers at the House Judiciary Committee, the House will be compelled to act on impeachment by evidence and pressure from the people.
- This is precisely why our group is Impeach Them! We recognize that justice demands that Bush, Cheney, and all the members of their gang who have violated the laws be held to account, as stated in Article 2, Section 4 of our Constitution. It doesn't limit impeachment to only the President and Vice President; impeachment applies to "all Civil Officers of the United States," and that means the entire gang — Rumsfeld, Rove, Gonzales, Rice et al. So in a concrete sense we see the impeachment process as beginning with the 2 at the top and going forward to include all who violated our laws. It's essential and crucial that our country restore justice in the USA and undo the illegal police state the Bush gang put in place in violation of our laws. It's imperative for the sake of our futures to restore justice and reclaim democracy. See [http://www.impeachthem.com/sites/impeachthem.com/files/impeach\\_petition\\_usa.pdf](http://www.impeachthem.com/sites/impeachthem.com/files/impeach_petition_usa.pdf)

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- The sad truth is that Pelosi CAN actually duck a resolution invoking Section 603, but it creates a political problem. A resolution from a state legislature must still be "memorialized" on the House floor — that is, a Member of the House must introduce a resolution of his or her own, either noting and repeating the call for impeachment, or just essentially reprinting the text of the state resolution. So it's entirely possible that a state legislature could pass such a resolution, and then have it ignored by the Congress.

Members of Congress, however, are going to have a much harder time at home if they ignore something as dramatic as a resolution from the full legislature of their home state. Truthfully, they don't even have to necessarily endorse the call for impeachment, either. They need only pass it on, by introducing a resolution simply stating that thus and such a resolution was transmitted to them by the legislature of their state. So long as the Member introduces a resolution directly calling for impeachment, the House must address it. That being said, the House may still choose to "table" the resolution. The terminology is ironic, because in parliamentary terms, laying something on the table means indefinitely post-poning its consideration. So when something is, in parliamentary terms, "on the table," what it really means is that it's "off the table" as Pelosi uses the term.

That'll be the true test of whether or not impeachment really is "off the table." When entire states begin calling for impeachment, especially just as investigations begin to show impeachable offenses, and the Democrats who control the agenda actually do opt to "table" a resolution putting forward the call of a state legislature to impeach, then we'll know pretty much where we stand. Depending on the timing, it's something they may do once. But doing it twice would really hurt. The first such resolution would potentially cause an avalanche of press coverage. If it got the attention it deserves, tabling it would be very painful, politically. Tabling a second one, under those circumstances, could be suicidal. But the bottom line is, yes, they can do it. Our job is build enough pressure to force them into doing as they should do.

- Jefferson's Rule 603 has never been invoked to impeach a president, but *it was used to impeach a federal judge in Florida in 1903, referred to as the Hinds Precedents, section 2469*. As stated above, the Rule applies in line with the Constitutional article for the impeachment of a judge ("a Civil Officer") as well as a president and vice president. The legality of the implementation or invocation of Jefferson's Rule is straightforward and should be indisputable; it's the law within the Parliamentary Rules and Practices of the U.S. House and as such is part of the Constitution. When we pass the Resolution to Impeach in New Jersey or another state, I believe politicians in the House will have a very hard time obstructing what most Americans will consider to be an obvious requirement. Again, that speaks to our job.

I hope this answers your questions, as I hope the Op-Ed article will spur people in other states to push their legislatures. At base, it's the pressure exerted in the will of the people for justice that will bring impeachment and justice and reclaiming democracy in our country.

Thanks again for your time.

Best regards,

HUTCH, as amended. See also **Key Documents** at

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