

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Concurrent Resolution 3019, which seeks to congratulate Donald J. Trump on his inauguration as President of the United States. While recognizing a new administration is customary, endorsing this administration is inappropriate due to its extensive legal violations, threats to democracy, disregard for federal court rulings, dangerous policies, and involvement in highly controversial matters.

## **Defiance of Federal Court Orders & Legal Violations**

President Trump has repeatedly undermined the judiciary's authority:

- Refusal to comply with federal court orders, such as withholding federal funding despite clear judicial mandates to release it.
- Violating legal and ethical standards by interfering with active investigations, dismissing prosecutors and inspectors general working on cases involving his administration or associates.
- Ignoring court rulings on immigration and environmental protections, continuing actions that were explicitly blocked by judicial decisions.

## **Pardoning Dangerous Criminals & Undermining Public Safety**

The Trump administration has taken dangerous steps that directly threaten public safety:

- Granting clemency to over 1,500 individuals involved in the January 6th attack, including convicted extremists like the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers.
- Pardoning individuals convicted of violent crimes and fraud, including people who were directly involved in violent assaults on law enforcement during the Capitol insurrection.
- By freeing individuals convicted of serious offenses, the administration has put public safety at risk and undermined the rule of law.

## **Government Corruption, Retaliation, and Executive Overreach**

The administration has taken steps to weaken government accountability:

- Firing key officials, including federal prosecutors and inspectors general, who were tasked with investigating corruption and holding the administration accountable.
- Removing oversight mechanisms, such as suspending the enforcement of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), which discourages bribery in international business.
- Attempting to eliminate agencies, including efforts to close the Department of Education and reduce the role of agencies like USAID. These actions would severely harm education access and international development programs that help global populations.

## **Economic and Trade Instability**

Trump's economic policies have led to instability and damage:

- **Imposing tariffs on steel and aluminum, which have sparked retaliatory actions and increased tensions with trading partners like Canada and Mexico.**
- **Creating market instability through erratic trade policies, further disrupting the economy and harming small businesses.**

## **DOGE, Elon Musk's Overreach, and Federal Authority**

Another critical issue is the involvement of Elon Musk in the DOGE cryptocurrency market, and the Trump administration's support for Musk's unregulated market influence.

- **Elon Musk's overreach in the DOGE cryptocurrency market through social media manipulations and his influence over digital currencies is both irresponsible and illegal. Musk has attempted to dictate market movements in a way that creates instability and risks investor harm.**
- **The administration has failed to regulate these market activities, allowing unchecked influence by a private individual (Musk) who does not hold governmental authority.**
- **Both the President and Musk are overstepping their bounds by attempting to dictate federal budgetary matters and attempting to close federal departments, something that is the constitutional responsibility of Congress, not private individuals or the executive branch.**

## **Conclusion**

**Endorsing President Trump's administration through HCR 3019 would signal acceptance of an administration marked by corruption, lawlessness, and dangerous policies that undermine democracy, accountability, and public safety. Instead of celebrating these actions, we should demand respect for the rule of law, public safety, government accountability, and responsible economic and international policies.**

**For these reasons, I urge you to vote NO on HCR 3019.**

**Thank you for your time and consideration.**