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**REPORT ON:
THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY**

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OUR CONCERN:

There are many issues our country is facing since Donald Trump has become its President. It is believed that this President has violated the Constitution of the United States on many occasions thereby threatening its democracy.

This President has gone so far to even call himself, “The Chosen One,” He believes God has chosen him to do what no other President could or would do. His actions since he has been the President has only affirmed his belief in himself and shows he believes himself to even be above the Law.

His fanatical leadership led some Democrats in November 2017 to introduce Articles of Impeachment to remove this President from office accusing him of obstructing justice, violating the Constitution’s foreign and domestic emoluments clause, undermining the federal judiciary system and undermining freedom of the press. Because Impeachment proceedings must first be introduced to the House of Representatives and because the house was a Republican-controlled House, the committee chairs were reluctant to take on a President of their own party.¹

In the November mid-term elections in 2018, the Democrats regained control of the House of Representatives. The shift to a Democrat-controlled House also meant the chairs of each committee changed. Now a majority of Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives favored launching impeachment proceedings against Republican President Donald Trump, after a California lawmaker became the 118th Democrat to call for the process to begin again. But the total of 118 is still far short of the 218 House votes needed to approve an impeachment resolution, and opinion polls continue to show voters sharply divided over the issue.²

Other issues facing this country are:

1. Health Care continues to divide the country. Now more than 87,000,000 Americans are underinsured.
2. New immigration policies are being put in place dividing the country and dividing families. Children are being separated from their parents because of policies enforced by this President. He has increased border patrols and is

¹ <https://time.com/4711273/donald-trump-impeachment-odds-challenges>.

² <https://ijr.com/majority-house-democrats-favor-impeachment>.

attempting to build a physical wall separating the US from Mexico putting pressure on Congress to support this financial strain on our county.

3. Gun Violence is on the rise. Mass shootings are becoming commonplace. Yet nothing is being done to stop the purchase of assault weapons of mass destruction.
4. The Nation needs to be more aggressive dealing with Climate Change and Global Warming.
5. The Nation's infrastructure facing major short falls.
6. Hate crimes are on the rise in America. The legacy of Segregation, Jim Crow and Suppression is alive and well in America.
7. Our economy is in trouble. New tariffs against China are pushing the country toward another recession.
8. Education is getting more and more expensive.
9. The President's take on Foreign Policy is about to land us in a war with Iran and hated by other nations.

All and all, this Nation is in serious trouble because of this President.

THEREFORE, WE THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY MAKE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Wherever possible, we support the impeachment of this President.
2. We must ready ourselves for the upcoming Presidential election to do all we can to assure this President is not reelected.
3. We continually pray for the wellbeing of our nation and this world.

Humbly submitted,

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