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The Honorable Harold Runnels
U.S. Representative for New Mexico
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Runnels:

I have received your Action Report to the citizens of New Mexico and note that you welcome their views on matters of public concern.

Among the bills and resolutions that you have sponsored there are four with which I particularly disagree.

H.R. 5992 - Considering the number of cases of violence and murder perpetrated by irrational individuals who have used principally 22 caliber weapons, I think this bill is a sop to the National Rifle Association, which I would have hoped you had the courage to oppose.

Res. 182 - Do you not feel equally outraged by the authenticated barbaric treatment accorded political prisoners by the South Vietnam Government that we support?

H.R. 7665 - Vitamins and mineral supplements, when excessively injected, can be dangerous to health, a fact established by medical research. Are you not displaying more concern for the profits of the food processors and pharmaceutical manufacturers?

H.R. 9130 - Have you given adequate consideration to the trans-Canadian route for Alaskan oil which would deliver the oil to the mid-west where it is needed most, avoid ocean spills much feared by Canada, and circumvent diversion of much of the oil to Japan where it can be sold more profitably by the oil companies?

You consider yourself, I am sure, a very patriotic American as the flag reproduced in color on your news sheet emphasizes. But chauvinism is not a state of mind that best expresses the deepest concern for the happiness of the people and the Nation's propriety.

The Nation is presently in deep trouble caused by the crimes and misdemeanors of the Nixon Administration. Its credibility in both domestic and foreign affairs cannot be rescued by overlooking the responsibility of the President for the actions of his appointed advisors. The number of illegal acts organized and participated in by these men are too numerous to enumerate in this letter, and will destroy, if they have not already done so, the ability of the President to govern the country. The consequences of this situation continuing for three and a half years is appalling. And so the duty of The Congress to rise above narrow political party alliances is clear. It must bite-the-bullet to save the Nation from further degradation and remove President Nixon from office by the method constitutionally provided to meet just such an emergency.

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The highest patriotic act that you and your colleagues in the House of Representatives can perform to rescue the good name of your country is to bring ~~articles of impeachment~~ against the President.

Yours sincerely,

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