

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 19, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

We write to express our extreme dismay with the Committee on House Administration's recent decision to take steps to challenge the result of the Congressional election in Iowa's 2nd House District. This action not only sets a dangerous precedent for future elections, it reinforces the false belief by many in our country that our election system is rigged and that certain politicians can change results to fit their whims.


On November 3, 2020 Mariannette Miller-Meeks defeated Rita Hart. Those results were certified unanimously by the bipartisan Board of Canvassers in Iowa after a scrupulous recount. Ms. Hart had the option of challenging the result in a state court prior to certification and she did not. She decided instead to take her case to the House Administration Committee, where members of her own party would decide the rules of the investigation and which votes to count. Those are not the actions of someone seeking a fair resolution to an election dispute.

Earlier this year, we the undersigned voted to impeach a President in our own party who had repeatedly refuted the results of a certified election, which led to horrific violence in the Capitol Building on January 6th. That was not an easy vote for us politically, but it was the right thing to do. The integrity of our election system was being attacked and trust in it was being eroded – with disastrous consequences. It is our belief that any attempt to overturn the result of a certified congressional election through a partisan process will be rightfully seen as illegitimate and further erode that trust in our election system.

To that end, we would ask that you immediately cease any and all efforts by the House Administration Committee to reverse the result of that election.


Sincerely,



FRED UPTON
Member of Congress



LIZ CHENEY
Member of Congress

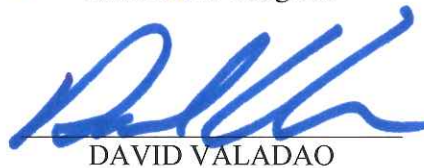

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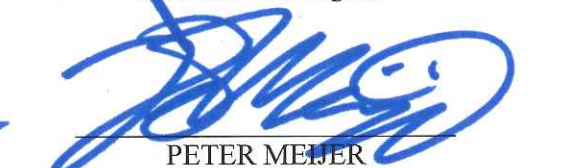

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