

To: Senate Legislative Operations and Elections

Subj: Opposition to AJR14

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Senate Legislative Operations and Elections:

I strongly oppose AJR14 which condemns the “insurrection” of January 6, 2021.

In contradiction to what is included in this bill:

1. President Trump did not organize this event, he did not select the date, he was invited and accepted the invitation to speak on December 19, 2020.
2. The Oathkeepers and Proud Boys were invited by the coordinator to keep the peace after it was determined that chartered busloads of Antifa members were escorted into the Capitol by lawmakers days ahead of the rally.
3. Violence was never “incited” by President Trump at ANY time during his speech at the Ellipse field (***a personal observation, I was there***). There was no insurrection.
4. There were known Antifa members in the crowd wearing Trump gear encouraging movement into the Capitol.
5. Capitol Police did in fact remove barriers, invite attendees into the Capitol building, and escort them through the Capitol building.
6. The tenor of the event at the Ellipse field and surrounding streets was positive, supportive, respectful, and patriotic. 2 million attended.
7. The President requested the support of the National Guard three times due to awareness within D.C. agencies of threats of violence, his requests were ignored.
8. The full videos of the events on January 6th were not provided during the defense of those charged, they were not given fair trials.
9. No attendees in the Capitol were carrying firearms.
10. The election integrity concerns (late-night change in election results after closure of the polls, 202,377 more votes than voters in PA as one example, and validated disinformation promoted by/suppressed by the media e.g. Russian Collusion hoax which cost taxpayers millions of dollars, the false Steele Dossier, repression of the true story of the Hunter Biden laptop) was the justification for many for attending the event to ***support*** President Trump, not to protest.
11. Chartered busloads of Antifa members were escorted into the Capitol by lawmakers days ahead of the rally.
12. Months after January 6th the FBI admitted that there was no evidence for a plan to invade the Capitol.

13. There was no “fake set of electors”. Article 2, Section 1 of the Constitution allows for the rejection of Electors and verification of the counts. A number of Congressional representatives were ready to verify that the elector votes matched the will of the people from their states.

There was sufficient concern about the election results and concern over the legality of the indictments of the attendees charged on January 6th that most of the indicted were granted clemency by President Trump. This is the right of the President, and this right has been enacted by many Presidents, including President Biden.

I remember the days when the two major parties could discuss their differences rationally, but we seem to have gotten away from that level of diplomacy.

Let us acknowledge that there are differences between the parties in the way many events have been viewed over the last several decades. Let’s move on and stop with the divisiveness. Our country was founded on a two-party system for a reason, to ensure checks and balances in this “American Experiment” of our Constitution. Our Constitutional Republic has been a success BECAUSE of our two-party checks and balances.

Please oppose AJR14

Respectfully,

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