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Dear Representative Rothman,

I enjoyed your meeting in Hawthorne so much, and want to thank you for your time and your efforts to communicate and educate the constituency. It was I who inserted myself in the conversation regarding the connections between high property taxes and the cost of public education, and told you, "Impeachment's my thing." Let me also say I was very pleased to whisper with Mr. Soliman while standing at the back of the room.

I speak on behalf of over 400 members of North Jersey Impeach Group, and for hundreds of others within New Jersey Impeach Groups, which includes both Central and South Jersey Impeach Groups. My purpose in coming was in hopes for a chance to publicly thank you for your kindness in having Mr. Soliman speak to some people regarding impeachment a week ago. You're so immensely gifted, with such a dynamic and dazzling presence, of course I was yearning to have a conversation with you, and I'm so sorry that couldn't be. Perhaps another time, if I'm lucky. I am deeply grateful that you keep an open mind on the subject, and want here to list — in mercifully brief fashion as I can — three points I think are crucial to this matter. So with less adornment than I'd like:

1. The legal considerations — The hard evidence of the violations of oath and the violations of domestic and international law by Bush, Cheney and Gonzales are documented and indisputable, and any U.S. court would acknowledge the documentations warrant legal proceedings to articles of impeachment. We have extensive references in the Key Documents at our web site, ImpeachThem.com, including our proposed language for a resolution to impeach formatted for New Jersey's legislature. We give only some of the legal citations in the resolution.
2. The practical legislative considerations — Kucinich's Res 333 to impeach Cheney has only 20 co-sponsors and Inslee's Res 589 to impeach Gonzales; and Conyers' Res 635 with many more sponsors needs to be revived. When we look past the extraordinary Clinton affair, back to the serious Nixon impeachment proceedings in 1974, we must note that in January 1974 Nixon still enjoyed immense popular support and virtually nobody on Capitol Hill was talking about impeachment. Things can turn around quick as you know.

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The focus therefore is not “what’s do-able.” The overriding crucial concern is to serve the constitutional imperative and to be mindful that *the fact that success is not guaranteed does not relieve our representatives of the obligation to do all they can to defend the United States Constitution according to the oath of office.* In a concrete sense, the constitution commands impeachment of Bush, Cheney and Gonzales.

The line we all get all the time is, “Bush has got so little time remaining in office, there’s no point in pursuing impeachment.” That’s a disingenuous dismiss. Yes, as I write this W’s got 519 days left ‘til the next president is sworn. The transparently obvious answer to such juvenile dismissiveness is (hello), “Review the damage that’s been done and consider what the Bush gang can do in these 74+ weeks.

Dick Cheney’s already stated his intention to attack Iran. Need we mention a single other possibility of what havoc these people can bring on us?

It’s imperative that legislative, legal precedents be set to prevent the Bush gang’s abuses of our constitution from happening ever again. Ponder another would-be dictator in the future who’s more gifted than Bush at lying, and after we shudder, we see it’s of paramount importance to codify that no president may violate the laws.

The task therefore is for the Democrats to engage all the Republicans who see the writing on the wall, and to pursue articles from both a special committee and from within the Judiciary Committee.

3. The political considerations — Here we must disabuse ourselves of a whole gaggle of canards: “The country doesn’t want partisan divisions, they want unity.” Who doesn’t? The fact is that in the vaunted heartland, the people made up their minds a long time ago. They want criminals held to account. People who disapprove the Bush gang are in the majority by a landslide. Our ImpeachThem.com web site runs a link to an ongoing poll on MSNBC that asks the question, “Do you believe President Bush's actions justify impeachment?” As I write this, out of 488,448 votes cast, fully **88% vote for impeachment**, with *only 9.8% expressing Bush should not be impeached.* No it’s not a false reflection; MSNBC’s robot permits only one vote per computer. Well that’s still not exact. Right, so let’s take ten percent off the total. Gosh, only 78% want impeachment. You know well as I when totals are on this scale, the numbers cannot be the product of an organized conspiracy.

Gerald Ford was defeated by Jimmy Carter because the electorate was mad at Ford for pardoning Nixon. If Ford had not pardoned Nixon, he would have been elected in 1976. The American people wanted the criminal held to account. Extrapolate this fact to the present. Most Americans now consider we were lied into a war and were played for chumps. Nobody likes that. People are mad as you know.

“If we push impeachment we will suffer huge losses in 2008.” Exactly the opposite is true. John Nichols (“Genius of Impeachment”) researched the question and discovered that in 9 of 10 cases in our history in which a party brought a formal movement to impeach, the party pushing impeachment won both the White House and Congress in the next election. Forget for a second the stolen election, and see who took the White House and Congress in 2000. Polling shows consistently that the candidates (and parties) who equivocate and *waffle* lose, and those who come out strong for impeachment win. Avoid the issue and the dems give the whole deal to the Republicans. Take it up front and you win with strong enough majorities in both houses to undo the Bush gang’s damage.

Well, you see I can go on. I think you are particularly well-positioned to advance impeachment in the cause of restoring justice, reclaiming democracy and by the way, saving our country. I hope I may have the pleasure of your company one day, and will love the opportunity to talk on all this with you. I wish I could continue with concerns regarding Conyers’ healthcare H Res 676 (good at the moment), and Holt’s voting H Res 811 (really bad and dangerous), Kucinich’s hand counted paper ballots H Res 6200, and with a proposed “Voters’ Bill of Rights,” which is in our Key Documents on the web.

Thank you again for your time, consideration and service,

Very truly yours,

Stuart Hutchison