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Speaker of the House U.S. House of Representatives 1236 Longworth HOB

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

We write to urge you to immediately open an investigation into the expulsion of Congressman Scott Perry (PA - 10) for his seditious and traitorous acts against the United States Constitution.

Over the weekend it was reported by several news outlets that Mr. Perry was instrumental in connecting Jeffrey Clark with former President Trump to push a radical attack on democracy. Through the reporting, which was confirmed by several members of the former president's administration, it became known that Mr. Clark was advocating that the President of the United States of America use the United States Department of Justice to steal Georgia's electoral college votes from President Biden and instead award them to Mr. Trump.

More alarming than Mr. Clark's traitorous actions are the equally as disloyal actions of a member of the United States House of Representatives, Mr. Perry, who has sworn an oath as both a member of the military and as a member of Congress to ". . . support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic . . ."

Mr. Perry, along with many other federal, state and local Republicans, has pushed baseless and dangerous theories about a "stolen" or "fraudulent" election. Worse than simply pushing the claims of election fraud that led to the insurrection of January 6, 2021, are Mr. Perry's actions to aid and abet an unelected official within the United States Justice Department to use the power of a federal agency to force a state to change their allotment of their Electoral simply because he does not like the outcome.

Let us be clear, if Mr. Perry and Mr. Clark were willing to conspire to use the power of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government to overturn one state's Electoral College votes, they were certainly willing to overturn other states' votes as well. Any elected official who believes if they do not like the outcome of

an election that they can use the federal government to overturn the results should not be a member of the United States House of Representatives. In fact, that individual should be imprisoned and barred from ever holding any elected office.

Mr. Perry's unpatriotic and seditious acts must have consequences. His actions in some ways are more terrifying than those of the January 6, 2021 insurrection. While insurrectionists tried to use force to change the democratic will of the voters, Mr. Perry proposed using the power of the federal government to subvert the will of voters.

Without swift and strong repercussions Mr. Perry will only be emboldened to commit future traitorous and unpatriotic coups. To quote Marcus Tullius Cicero,

"A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious, but it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for he is known and carries his banner openly. But the traitor moves amongst those within the gate freely, his sly whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself. For the traitor appears not a traitor; he speaks in accents familiar to his victims, and he wears their face and their arguments, he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men. He rots the soul of a nation, he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of the city, he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. A murderer is less to fear. The traitor is the plague."

This is not a request we make lightly, but the circumstances of Mr. Perry's actions warrant this step. We implore you to open an investigation into Mr. Perry and, if warranted, expel him from the United States House of Representatives.

Respectfully yours,

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