Impeach him again!

Yesterday, the heart of our democracy came under attack by a violent mob incited by President Trump, who had urged them to storm the Capitol to stop Congress from certifying the results of the election. Fortunately, this attempted coup was stopped and late last night Congress did its job. On January 20th, we will have a new administration led by Joe Biden and Kamala Harris.

Today, top Democrats led by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer called for Trump to be immediately removed from office using the 25th Amendment or impeached a second time. Vice President Mike Pence said he would not invoke the Amendment. So now Pelosi and Schumer must act. Pelosi says her phone is filling up with messages from House members favoring Trump's swift impeachment. We are glad to see Rep. Jamaal Bowman and Rep. Mondaire Jones and other members of the NY delegation speaking out in support.

This is right and good. The situation is fluid and rapidly shifting. Some Republicans who were previously vocal supporters of Trump are now expressing real dissent. Today Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao, the spouse of Mitch McConnell, announced her decision to resign her cabinet post effective Monday. The removal of Trump from office, which should have happened long ago, is much more possible now than ever before.

If Trump is impeached and removed, Congress can then disqualify him from ever running for office again, by a simple majority vote. Instead of his continuing to plan a political comeback, he could be sent permanently into the wilderness.

Many Republican members of Congress may balk at these steps. But we should try to force the issue by insisting the Congress begin Trump's impeachment right away. It's time to put those Republicans on the hot seat – people like New York state Reps. Elise Stefanik, Lee Zeldin, Nicole Malliotakis and Chris Jacobs* – all of whom voted against certifying the election results.

For this to happen, the House – which adjourned today and is not planning to come back until the inauguration – has to be called back into session. This is up to the House leadership. So, we are urging you to make five phone calls urging swift action to bring Trump to account: call

- Speaker Nancy Pelosi (202) 225-4965;
- Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (202) 225-4131;
- Majority Whip Jim Clyburn (202) 225-3315;
- Assistant Speaker Katherine Clark (202) 225-2020; and
- Democratic Caucus Chairman Hakeem Jeffries (202) 225-5936.

We know these are scary times. We've always known that the last days of the Trump regime would probably be the worst. But the antidote to anxiety, as always, is action.

Yours,

Your NYCD16-Indivisible Steering Committee

*P.S. Plans are afoot to locally bird-dog these NY Republican seditionists. Stay tuned for details.