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The Chief Justice of the United States  
One First Street N.E.  
Washington, D.C., 20543

Dear Chief Justice Roberts:

After reading reports of the first day of the Senate Impeachment Trial, I feel compelled to write concerning your role in this trial.

It's my belief that most U.S. citizens, as the ultimate arbiters of our democracy, will evaluate the legitimacy and validity of this proceeding. Indeed, impressions of U.S. justice are being made worldwide.

I posit that if this trial ignores relevant documents and witnesses, particularly first-hand witnesses, most citizens will conclude that it has not been a full and fair trial. In a Monmouth University survey released on January 21, 2020, 57 percent of Americans said that new information such as witness testimony should be considered by members of the Senate before they vote whether to remove Trump from office.

You have recently said that "civic education is falling by the wayside" and that Americans in the modern era "take democracy for granted." I think we can assume that many Americans, who would be otherwise unconcerned, are now deciding how well their democracy works by following this trial.

Sir, one of the lessons learned from the 20<sup>th</sup> C. is that silence in the face of evil or injustice is complicity. Lest we forget, world leaders will be convening on January 27, 2020 to observe the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation of the German Nazi Concentration Camp Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Be advised that the American Party's allegiance is solely to the U.S. Constitution, as amended, and to each of its citizens.

I believe that many Americans observing this trial will think that having the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court as "Presiding Officer" offers an assurance of fairness. This is especially true because this trial is essentially about the limits on the President's powers under Article II.

Indeed, I believe that your oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same..." requires as much.

In this context, and with great respect, I urge you to assert your opinions on any and all motions and amendments for witnesses and documents that may be made for the purpose of ensuring a fair and full trial.

Sincerely,

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