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Michael Waltz
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Dear Mr. Waltz:

After witnessing three years of carnage (an apt, if ironic, word, don't you think?) inflicted on our government institutions, and our cherished ideals, by a president who has no concept of propriety, let alone honor and virtue, some friends and I felt compelled to offer the American public a few observations. We are just ordinary citizens, lacking the platform and megaphone of a Member of Congress, but we think it is past time for some ordinary citizens to express their views. Enclosed are copies of our address to We the People, and my cover letters to Senator Scott and Val Demings. Please take a minute to read them, so you will understand our concern and our fear for our country's future. There is an abundance of chatter from analysts, commentators, journalists and politicians, but insufficient expression of opinion by ordinary citizens. We do not purport to speak for anyone else; however, we believe that many fellow Americans agree with us that Trump poses a dire and immediate threat to our country.

We were stunned by the Republican failure to acknowledge the damage being done by Trump's assaults on the responsible press, and his attempted smears of anyone who asserts the truth and criticizes him. He is ignorant and vindictive. I say "attempted smears" because being a target of Trump's ire has become a badge of honor. LCOL Vindman and the civil servants who spoke truth to the House of Representatives will be seen as heroes by history. They would have benefited from your support, but sadly did not get it. Trump's attempted smearing of the lawyers and the judge in the Stone sentencing was vile. When we thought we had seen the low point, we learned that he attacked the jury forewoman. Where were you?

We thank you for your service in the Army. Most of the signers of the We the People letter remember sharp bits of metal flying through the air at high speed as they engaged the enemy in Vietnam. If we had to select a word to express our feelings for what you and your Green Beret compatriots have done, it would be "admiration". We have another word for your self-abasement before Trump (evidenced by your fawning picture on Air Force One): "contempt".

We doubt that you will stop being a Trumper, because we cannot fathom why you became one in the first place. Romney is right; Trump is a phony and a fraud. You must know that. We expect you to draw on any reservoirs of courage and honor you may retain to help protect us until we can rid ourselves of this charlatan. With great regret that this letter is necessary, I am

Sincerely
Harry G. McConnell

cc: Honorable Val Demings