

# Formal Impeachment Petition

This is much more than just a petition. This is a way for individual citizens to initiate the impeachment process themselves.

There's a rarely used clause in the rules for the House of Representatives that sets forth the various ways in which a power abusing federal official can be impeached. Only the House Judiciary Committee puts together the Articles of Impeachment, but before that happens, someone has to initiate the process.

That's where we come in. One of the ways to get impeachment going is for individual citizens like you and I to submit a memorial. ImpeachforPeace.org has created this new memorial based on one that was successful in impeaching a federal official in the past.

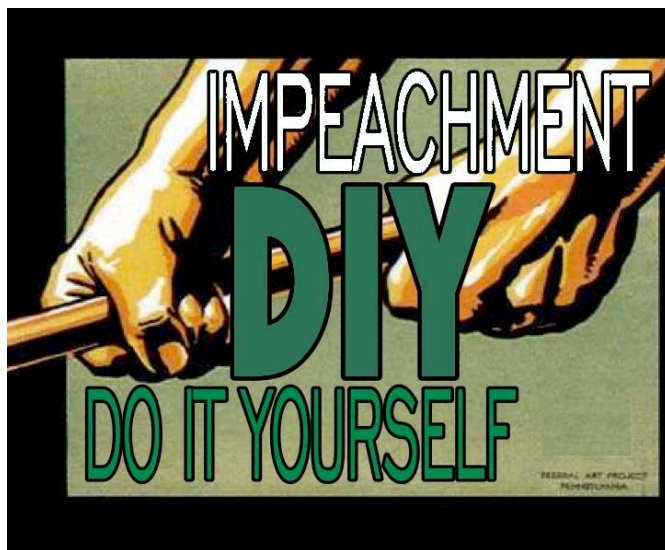
To find out more, check out: [http://ImpeachForPeace.org/cgi-bin/diy.cgi?#diy\\_about](http://ImpeachForPeace.org/cgi-bin/diy.cgi?#diy_about)

To initiate impeachment, send in your letters today.

## What Else Can I Do?

If you've sent in your copy of the Formal Impeachment Petition, there are still ways you can help.

- 1) Email all your friends and tell them about DIY Impeachment! This is extremely helpful.
- 2) Send additional copies of the memorial to other members of the House of Representatives. We'd recommend that you start with your own representative in the House, but there's no need to stop there, as the rules allow ANY representative to accept and advance your petition.



# Instructions

1. If your PDF viewer permits you, fill out the questions on the “Auto Entry Page” within your PDF viewer and the form will automatically fill in the rest of the document with the necessary details.

2. Print out a copy the cover letter and petition.

3. If you were unable to use the “Auto Entry Page” to fill in the blank spots on the form, then:

- Print your name/address in the two “From: ” boxes on the cover letter and petition.
- Print the name of a politician to whom you wish to send this letter after “Dear “ on the cover letter (you can send copies of this petition to any and all representative(s) in the house, but be sure to send it to your own as well as any reps that you feel would be friendly to this cause.).
- Print the address of the politician to whom you’re sending this petition at the top of the cover letter after “To:” (Find their contact info at: <http://www.house.gov/>).
- Print your full name after “I, \_\_\_\_\_” on the cover letter.
- Print your state after “State of \_\_\_\_\_” on the cover letter (For example “Minnesota”).
- Sign your name and write the current date on the “Signature” line at the bottom of the cover letter.
- Write your full name after “The petition of \_\_\_\_\_” on the petition.
- Print your state after “State of \_\_\_\_\_” on the petition (For example “Minnesota”).
- Print the name of the power abusing federal official in one spot on the cover letter (near the middle of the page), in one spot on the first page of the petition (near the top of the page), and four spots on the last page.
- Print the title of the power abusing federal official on the last page (near the top of the page). (For example “Supreme Court Justice” or “President of the United States” or “Vice President of the United States” or “4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Federal Judge”)
- In the large space at the bottom of the first page of the petition, list the impeachable offenses that the power abusing federal official committed. (for a good analysis of what constitutes an impeachable offense, see this webpage: [http://www.constitution.org/cmt/high\\_crimes.htm](http://www.constitution.org/cmt/high_crimes.htm) )

4. OPTIONAL According to the chiparliamentarian in the U.S. House of Representatives and his deputy in 2006, these memorials do not need to be notarized. If you’d rather be on the safe side, however, there are many local banks or workplaces that will notarize them at no cost. There are also notaries in every law office. IMPORTANT If you decide to get the petitions notarized, wait to sign and date them until you are in the presence of the notary. You can find a notary at <http://www.notaryrotary.com/agent/search.asp>

However, do not let the inconvenience of notarizing the memorials stop you from sending them. If you are unlikely to go to this effort, or if you do not have a bank account and are unwilling to pay to have them notarized (usually a very small fee if not free at many businesses), then simply sign it and send it in. Notarization is probably not necessary, and regardless, your document will help create political pressure.

5. If you’ve decided against getting the document notarized, then sign and date the “Signature” line of the petition that have the bit about notarization on them.

6. Address an envelope. Use the addresses found at the top of the cover letters.

7. Place your return address on the envelope and put a stamp on it.

8. Place the petition/cover letter in the envelope.

9. Mail it.

10. Email all your friends about this!

11. Call your representative and follow up on the letter.

# AUTO ENTRY PAGE:

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your address:

The state within which you reside (For example "Minnesota"): \_\_\_\_\_

The name of the power abusing federal official: \_\_\_\_\_

The title of the power abusing federal official

(For example "Supreme Court Justice" or "President of the United States" or "Vice President of the United States" or "4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Federal Judge"):

\_\_\_\_\_  
The name of the politician to whom you're sending this petition  
(your U.S. House Rep, Reps on the Judiciary, or any other House Rep: <http://www.house.gov/>):

\_\_\_\_\_  
The address of the politician to whom you're sending this petition:

The impeachable offenses the power abusing federal official committed:

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# Petition Cover Letter

To:

From (Name & Address)

Dear

I, \_\_\_\_\_, citizen of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, and of the United States, respectfully ask your representation in the U.S. House of Representatives through a petition of memorial. In accordance with the Jefferson's Manual section LIII, 603, which states that "impeachment may be set in motion by charges preferred by a memorial, which is usually referred to a committee for examination", I submit the enclosed petition for review by the House Judiciary Committee (for precedent see Hinds Sec. 2364, 2491, 2494) regarding the impeachment of \_\_\_\_\_.

For precedent, I refer to the petition of Luke Edward Lawless, from March 30th, 1826 in regards to impeaching Federal Judge James H. Peck.

[http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/useftp.cgi?IPaddress=162.140.64.45&filename=hinds\\_lxxiii.wais&directory=/diskb/wais/data/hinds\\_prec\\_vol\\_iii](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/useftp.cgi?IPaddress=162.140.64.45&filename=hinds_lxxiii.wais&directory=/diskb/wais/data/hinds_prec_vol_iii)

Also, here are the House rules that allow for the submission of the memorial (even from those not in your district/State):

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Congress House Rules Manual -- Doc No. 108-241, Page 600--"Petitions, memorials, and other papers addressed to the House may be presented by the Speaker as well as by a Member (IV, 3312). Petitions from the country at large are presented by the Speaker in the manner prescribed by the rule (III, 2030; IV, 3318; VII, 1025). **A Member may present a petition from the people of a State other than his own** (IV, 3315, 3316). The House itself may refer one portion of a petition to one committee and another portion to another committee (IV, 3359, 3360), but ordinarily the reference of a petition does not come before the House itself."

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Thank you in advance for your assistance in this procedure.

Respectfully,

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Signature

Date:

# Petition

To the Honorable House of Representatives of the United States:

The petition of \_\_\_\_\_, a citizen of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, and of the United States, respectfully showeth:

That, in accordance with Jefferson's Manual section LIII, 603, impeachment may be set in motion by charges preferred by a memorial, which is usually referred to a committee for examination; and

From (Name & Address)

The memorial goes on to set forth that, \_\_\_\_\_ engaged in the following impeachable offences:

Having thus submitted to your honorable body the aforementioned offences, your petitioner begs leave to observe that it appears from those facts that one or both of the following charges to be true:

That the said \_\_\_\_\_ has, in his capacity as \_\_\_\_\_, been guilty of usurping a power which the laws of the land did not give him.

That said \_\_\_\_\_ has exercised his power, usurped or legitimate, to the detriment of every citizen of the United States.

Wherefore, and inasmuch as the said \_\_\_\_\_ has violated the most sacred and undoubted rights of the inhabitants of these United States, your petitioner prays that the conduct and proceedings in this behalf, of said \_\_\_\_\_, may be inquired into by your honorable body, and such decision made thereon as to your wisdom and justice shall seem proper. Such consideration to include the appointment of managers to conduct the impeachment trial in the Senate, and to inform the Senate of these facts by resolution (Manual Sec. 607; Deschler Ch 14 Sec. 9) for trial and removal from office and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust or profit under the United States;

And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will pray.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional Section For Notarizing Only**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

) SS:

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

SWORN TO and subscribed in my presence this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public