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Put Justice Back on the Table or Step Away [Opinion] Open letter about impeachment to Rep. Jay Inslee (D-WA)

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Dear Representative Inslee,

It has been with great pride that I have read of my original home state, Washington's, leadership in the growing movement across the nation to hold the Bush administration accountable for their plethora of crimes and misdemeanors through the process of impeachment.

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As one of three states -- Vermont and New Mexico being the others -- that have impeachment resolutions broiling in their capitals, Washington State's citizens are doing their patriotic duty to insist that their public officials honor their oaths of office to defend our nation against the domestic enemies to the Constitution of the United States of America currently residing in the White House.

As a native of Bainbridge Island, where you now reside, I am appalled by your stance against the impeachment resolution proffered by State Senator Eric Oemig (D-WA) as being "a waste of time."

Your political partner in this obstruction of justice mission at the behest of the national Democratic Party leadership, Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA), revealed her shallow knowledge of the

impeachment bill, Senate Joint Memorial 8016, itself when she offered two words in opposition to it: "Dick Cheney." Oemig's bill calls for impeachment investigations to commence against both

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How worried are you about the

President Bush *and* the Vice President.

Vice President Cheney, who has indicated he may ignore subpoenas, will be triple indicted for every 'W' crime revealed and could easily be convicted based on "open source" evidence that could be discovered by a googling Bainbridge High School student.

As sympathetic as I am to Democrats wishing to move forward with their positive agenda, choosing to ignore the past six years would be as naive as a victim of domestic assault not wanting to press charges. The result will eventually be more of the same. You are just going to get beaten again, and probably much more viciously. It is not a matter of "if", but "when."

We were bitten by a snake. The wound must be lanced and the venom removed, or it will leech into our collective bloodstream and inevitably target our national heart. Allowing this wound to "heal over" not only won't lead to a healthy future, it will assure the exact opposite.

Crimes have been committed. Not a few -- very, very many. Not just the break-in of a campaign office or a President getting lipstick on his cigar in the Oval Office. People have died because of these crimes, the lives of hundreds of thousands of families irretrievably destroyed. Some of these crimes are gross violations of the Geneva Accords and Nuremberg Principles.

Our national treasury has been looted to the benefit of crony corporations, the largest surplus in U.S. history "mismanaged" into the largest deficit, and we are still counting as news surfaces of billions of taxpayer dollars in cash having been shipped on crates into the Iraq War zone.

Our international reputation is in shambles with the "Coalition of the Willing" having dwindled down to almost nothing.

Our global intelligence capabilities have been severely, treasonously compromised at the orders of our highest leaders, as evidence and testimony brought forward in the I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby trial has clearly revealed.

Anyone who has taken the time to read the Military Commission Act, as I have, knows that the U.S. Constitution has had its throat cut and is lying in the gutter with no promise of a single Democratic Senator or Representative bending a knee to save its life.

The investigative work into prewar lies and related matters by the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Representative John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI), has already been comprehensively executed. It just needs to be spoken into the Congressional Record during impeachment hearings. More crimes

H1N1 influenza virus?

- Very worried
- Somewhat worried
- Not yet
- Not at all

* Vote to see the result.

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are likely to be unearthed in the process as the antiseptic of truth throws light on this dark era.

The Center for Constitutional Rights, The Bush Crimes Commission, WorldCantWait, AfterDowningStreet.org, Democrats.com, Progressive Democrats of America and ImpeachforPeace.org, among others, have also laid out remarkably comprehensive reports on the crimes of George W. Bush, Dick Cheney and their Administration.

We are a nation of laws. No American is above the law. The appropriate remedy for the temporarily resident public servants in these federal offices who violate the law is impeachment. This isn't an optional step. This is prosecution of law deeply seated in the Constitution of the United States as it used to exist -- indeed in our very, inalienable moral fiber. To not enforce these laws is to set ourselves up for history to repeat itself in short order, as we are experiencing now at the hands of those not prosecuted for their Iran-Contra crimes.

To not undo the new preposterously overgrown executive authority is to invite some future president -- any future president -- to snap his or her fingers and become a virtual dictator in a heartbeat. To "do nothing" would be a slap in the face of every patriot who bled for our freedoms. Give me liberty.

A waste of time? Consider this:

Senate Republicans, when handed a recommendation to impeach by the House, will be faced with a very tough choice as the world watches them confront a most stubborn, arrogant, and unrepentant Connecticut cowboy president and his Mephistophelian inner circle:

- Fight impeachment and continue to be revealed as rubber-stamping, lick spittle enablers of treasonous war criminals who were intent on a heavy-handed crackdown and takeover of all things American. Vote "No" and get washed out in the second Blue Wave of 2008.
- Play the "I had no idea all of this was going on" card to desperately distance themselves from Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, Rice, Ashcroft, Abramoff, Ney, DeLay, et al. Vote "Yes" and possibly hang onto their cushy position of power through the next election cycle.

Would you go down with this Hindenburg?

Impeachment isn't a good or bad idea, impeachment is a moral imperative. It is the proper remedy prescribed by our founding fathers for circumstances precisely such as these. Impeachment is essential for the hope of future health of our nation.

We the People must impeach those who regard America, its military, its electorate and sovereign foreign nations simply as resources to exploit in order to fatten their bank accounts and expand their personal power.

Representative Inslee, leaders all over the United States of America are calling out for Justice. Lead, follow, or please have the decency to step down from your office. If you do not have the integrity to honor your oath to defend the Constitution against these vile enemies to it, then perhaps your constituents should see to it that you are recalled and someone ready to honor their oath to defend the Constitution of the United States of America take your place.

With all due respect for your office and your public service,

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