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Senator Norm Coleman
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Dear Senator Coleman:

This letter is a plea for action. As the senior Senator from Minnesota, I have watched you carefully over these last few years, and you have impressed me with your nuanced understanding of the Iraq situation and your understanding of the critical need for US energy independence. Additionally, you are a Freemason, and so I know I can trust you to understand the lessons of the plumb, square, and level. As you read this letter, please remember our Masonic forefathers who brought this country into being, and how their integrity and faith lead them down the difficult path to freedom and liberty.

Please also understand that this letter is from a conservative. There was a time when I supported the Republican party over the Democrats, because I appreciate social solutions and limited government over legislated morality and bloat. However, since the Bush administration has taken power, I have watched the government balloon unchecked and encroach into our personal freedoms in blatant disregard of the sanctity of private life. Some of these things I accepted as necessary consequences of the 9/11 attacks, and some of these things seemed like reactionary panic, which I tolerated in faith that the courts and future Congresses would refine them. For a while, it seemed like my faith was well-placed.

Things have now changed. The Bush administration's politicization of justice and unwillingness to accept the rule of law and Congress's role of oversight has orchestrated a constitutional show-down which Congress cannot lose. Former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Paul Craig Roberts has said: "Unless Congress immediately impeaches Bush and Cheney, a year from now the US could be a dictatorial police state at war with Iran." A few weeks ago, I would have written that off as paranoia, but the administration's now flagrant disregard for Congress's oversight role, and its blatant disregard for the public that it is supposed to serve, has pushed me too far.

When they asserted executive privilege to close off potential leaks on the attorney general firings, I was dismayed but unsurprised. When they asserted that same privilege to close off leaks on the Tillman case, the blatant overreach of authority was astounding. When Harriet Meiers refused to show up before Congress, it became obvious that the administration now considers Congress a vestigial part of our government. The announcement that they will not allow the justice department to pursue contempt charges has officially put them at odds with the American government.

Bush and Cheney must be impeached. Impeach them for obstruction of justice, of harboring a felon (the person *in their administration* who undermined US intelligence by outing a CIA agent), of aiding and abetting the enemy, of showing flat-out disdain for their role as public servants — I don't care. But they need to be impeached, and it needs to happen now.

Be assured that I will be watching the next few months of politics very carefully. Any member of Congress who takes a positive step to oppose this affront to American ideals will gain my life-long support, and a outspoken and passionate advocate; any member who is complacent through this breakdown of our government will earn their own place in that Hell reserved for those who stand by while evil triumphs.

Please: for all of us, and so that future generations think of America a glorious place and not a failed experiment, please do the hard work that needs to be done. I am just your constituent: all I can do is beg you to do the right thing. You are the one who needs to take action.

Sincerely,

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Your Constituent