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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6225

December 20, 2019

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Senate Minority Leader  
The Capitol  
Washington, D.C.

Leader Schumer:

In advance of the impeachment trial of President Trump, I write to offer my assistance to you and the Democratic caucus. As the subject of the President's conduct and the basis for the articles of impeachment implicate core foreign policy equities, I believe I am well-positioned to assist you in concrete ways.

I strongly support your efforts to call for additional witnesses who have direct knowledge of the President's withholding of security assistance to Ukraine and to seek documents that the administration has unjustifiably withheld. As you know, I have separately sought a number of those documents from the State Department and the Office of Management and Budget. As you engage in discussions with Senator McConnell about the importance of obtaining additional evidence, I offer my staff as a resource to help identifying the scope or to facilitate specific requests.

Similarly, in preparation for and during the trial, I would welcome the opportunity to support you in the following ways:

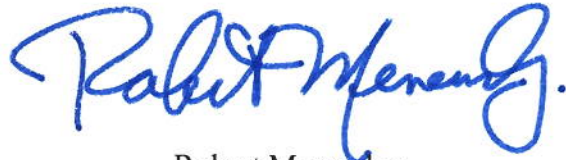
- Fielding questions from Senators on Ukraine, security assistance, the recall of Ambassador Yovanovitch, or related topics;
- Vetting trial questions and motions;
- Coordinating depositions or questioning of witnesses; and
- Coordinating requests or review of documents.

My staff has already been heavily engaged on impeachment-related matters and has been in close contact with your team. I have instructed them to dedicate all necessary resources to support the trial.

I remain hopeful that your efforts will result in a trial that reflects the process the Framers intended, and that mirrors what Americans know to be the hallmarks of a fair process: due process, a full presentation of the evidence, and thorough questioning of witnesses.

I stand ready to work with you and to assist in ensuring you and all Senators have the information and arguments to demand a full and fair trial, and to engage in a robust examination of the facts. I look forward to discussing this further in early January.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Menendez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Robert Menendez  
Ranking Member