

DEMOCRATS OBSESSION WITH IMPEACHMENT HAS NEGATIVELY IMPACTED AMERICA'S NATIONAL SECURITY

By diverting the full resources and attention of the House Intelligence Committee to this partisan impeachment exercise, Democrats are weakening America on the world stage. Democrats' inquiry undermines our national security. It takes away valuable focus and time that we should be spending on key global developments and critical bipartisan legislation.

While Dems pursue impeachment:

- *NDAAs negotiations have hit unnecessary delays and roadblocks thanks to the partisan Democrats. Providing for the common defense is our most sacred Constitutional duty. Protecting our men and women on the front line should be our first priority, and the military should never be held hostage to politics. Nancy Pelosi's leadership has cast a cloud over this process.*
 - *These impeachment proceedings are a waste of valuable time.*
 - *Democrats in the House have put everything on the back burner to chase their impeachment fantasy. They are putting critical legislation that supports our troops at risk.*
- *China and Russia are not pressing pause on their defense modernization efforts. China will not stop its development of cutting-edge missiles. Russia will not stop modernizing its nuclear forces, especially as the U.S. falls further and further behind.*
 - *These threats will not go away, and it will become harder and harder for us to match them the more Democrats subject our national security to political squabbling.*
 - *Democrats will be to blame for this dangerous defense gap.*
- *We face a defining struggle today against China. Xi Jinping is not only pursuing ambitious military modernization but is waging a global campaign to trap developing nations in debt, steal sensitive U.S. intellectual property including military technology, and infiltrate 5G networks.*
- *Russia is also looking to further its influence globally and undermine America. It has continued to expand its tentacles in Syria, Africa, and Libya and is building up its ties with the Erdogan regime in Turkey.*
 - *When Democrats choose partisanship over national security the only winners are Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin.*
- *Iran, Russia, and China reportedly plan to hold joint naval exercises this month. Meanwhile, the House continues to operate under a CR. These short-term spending bills seriously undermine military readiness and allow our adversaries to get ahead.*

Key national security events have escalated in the weeks since impeachment proceedings started. These events demand our attention:

- *There are fresh reports that Iran is threatening U.S. forces and interests in the Middle East, with evidence that they have moved forces and weapons.*
- *Iranian citizens are rejecting the repressive regime in Tehran, which is stealing resources to support terrorism rather than spending money to support its people at home.*
 - *Iran's leadership has responded to the protests with a brutal, violent crackdown. This regime is seeking to squash any and all freedom of speech or protest.*
 - *The Iranian people need all the support they can get.*
- *Iraq and Lebanon are also being rocked by protests. In Iraq, protesters are roundly rejecting political corruption and Iran's long and nefarious campaign for influence.*
- *Iran-backed terrorists have rained down hundreds of rockets against innocent Israeli civilians.*
- *Protesters in Hong Kong are bravely fighting for their freedom against the authoritarian Chinese Communist Party.*

While Dems pursue their phony impeachment inquiry, the President has made clear that he will put America's national security first.

In the last week alone, this Administration has worked to strengthen the NATO alliance, support protesters in Hong Kong, and stand with the Iranian people against the repressive regime in Tehran. These are the priorities we should be focused on.