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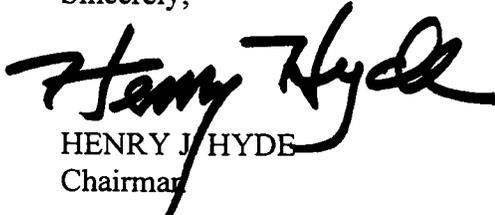
Dear Colleague:

On December 11 and 12, 1998, acting under the authority and direction of H. Res. 581, the Committee on the Judiciary approved four articles of impeachment against President William Jefferson Clinton. The House of Representatives will soon be convened in order to consider the articles, and to vote on impeachment of the President.

This vote will be perhaps the most important one each of us will cast as Members of Congress. The Committee has reached its conclusion after months of studying the record and analyzing the facts through the prism of constitutional precedents. After hearing from counsel to the President and staff presentations from both majority and minority investigative counsel, it was the conclusion of the Committee that the President's conduct justified the articles of impeachment on which you will vote next week.

The Committee Report on the articles of impeachment will be available for your review on Wednesday, December 16, 1998. It will contain a full discussion of the facts and the Committee's rationale and justification for approving the articles. It is imperative that you take the time to read the report prior to casting your vote. In the interim, however, I am transmitting for your consideration the presentation made to the Committee by David Schippers, majority chief investigative counsel in support of the articles, and those in opposition by Charles F.C. Ruff, counsel to the President, and Abbe Lowell, minority chief investigative counsel.

Sincerely,


HENRY J. HYDE
Chairman