

# Impeach Bush Yourself!

Impeach Bush yourself! That's right. This is much more than just a petition.

There's a little known and rarely used clause of the in the rules for the House of Representatives which sets forth the various ways in which a president can be impeached. Only the House Judiciary Committee puts together the Articles of Impeachment, but before that happens, someone has to initiate the process.

That's where we come in. One of the ways to get impeachment going is for individual citizens like you and me to submit a memorial. ImpeachforPeace.org has created a new memorial based on one that was successful in impeaching a federal official in the past.

You can initiate the impeachment process yourself by taking two copies of the document (four letters), filling in the relevant information in the blanks (your name, state, etc.), and sending in two letters today (One to the head of the House Judiciary, and the other to John Conyers leading Democrat on the House Judiciary).

**Hold on to the other copy of the two letters until October 12th when we're having everyone send them in.**

That's right – to make a big impact, we're having everyone send it in on the same date. We hope to flood the Judiciary Committee and John Conyers office with sacks of mail and cause a newsworthy event to further pressure the Congress to act on the memorials.

Feel free to send copies of the memorial to other members of the House of Representatives as well (notably, your own representative in the House). Another method of pressuring the Committee would be to get YOUR representative on your side. Sensenbrenner and Conyers were chosen as the leading Republican and Democrat in the Judiciary. Conyers has shown himself as a leader in the impeachment effort, so we could use his support.

More info, evidence of the crimes, other methods towards impeachment can be found at [ImpeachForPeace.org](http://ImpeachForPeace.org).

EMAIL ALL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THIS!!

We would especially like to thank ImpeachBush.tv for their support, and whose charges related to impeachment we used in the creation of this document. □

## Questions from impeachment supporters:

***"Why are you waiting until October 12th? That's too late to force them to impeach him before the elections!"***

We're asking people to send them in twice: Once immediately, then again in October. Originally we were only going to send it in once, but we realized things were too urgent to wait. We chose October because impeachment doesn't seem likely to happen with a Republican congress, and October 12<sup>th</sup> is close to the elections. If we have sacks of mail all arriving at one time, we're hoping it will hit the news in a big way, reminding people of all the crime and corruption – not only Bush's, but also the whole Republican party's. If people walk into the polls with this on their mind, it can only be a good thing.

Also, October 12th is a Thursday. This means the earliest mail will start arriving on the weekend, when government offices are closed. Our representatives will, therefore, receive it all on Monday. Politically, we don't want the news to break on a Friday, as people generally ignore this news day. Also, October 12<sup>th</sup> occurs shortly after a national protest taking place on October 5th. We're planning on marketing this idea during those protests in order to convince more people to send it in.

***"Why didn't you include Cheney and Rice? If Bush is found guilty, one of them will become president!"***

Cheney and Rice were specifically not included because we need a focused message, and adding more people to the INITIATION of the impeachment process complicates things. Some people may not agree on impeaching Cheney or Rice, whose crimes are less reported than Bush's, and we want all the help we can get. However, Cheney and Rice will be impeached along with Bush when the investigation reveals their crimes.

***"Who finances you?"***

Some financing comes directly from the organizers. We also receive donations from online supporters.

# Arguments Against Impeachment...

- **But won't we then get President Cheney?**

Any impeachment process would include Cheney, and probably Rumsfeld and Rice. It would also disgrace the entire Bush Administration.

- **We should wait until after Democrats gain majority status after the November elections, or else we'll seem too 'extreme.'**

SHEDDING LIGHT ON BUSH'S CRIMES AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'S COMPLICITY IN THOSE CRIMES IS THE BEST WAY TO GET DEMOCRATS ELECTED. Demanding impeachment is one effective way of doing that. (We need a Democratic majority in Congress in order to get subpoena power. This will allow us to finally investigate the crimes that this administration has been committing, which will lead to impeachment.) Secondly, demanding that crimes be investigated IS NOT extreme.

Further, waiting until November - in addition to hurting us in the elections - will leave us complicit in any further crimes Bush commits. The Union of Concerned Scientists has estimated that the death toll from a "tactical" nuclear weapon of the kind Bush is contemplating using in Iran would be at minimum 3 million men, women, and children. The path of death would stretch across country boundaries into India. Also, there's no guarantee Democrats will gain majority status after the November elections. So our strategy shouldn't rely upon it.

- **It'll never happen, the republicans will block it.**

Today's impossibility is tomorrow's reality. All we need is for a few Republican Congress members to realize that tying their political future to Bush reduces their chances of getting elected. Remember, one way or another, Bush is gone by 2008 – but members of Congress may retain their offices beyond that date. Bush's poll numbers are extremely low, and most Americans support impeachment. This means that if we make the pressure unbearable for Republican members of Congress, they'll turn on him to keep their own seats (like they did with Nixon). It's already starting to happen. While the Republicans have behaved unethically in the last few years, it's important to understand that this is related to their warped view of what's in their self-interest. Let's wake them up to their true self-interest (impeaching the president), by showing them our support for impeachment now! Finally, making sure you can look back and be proud of your opposition to this tyranny is priceless.

- **It hurts the democracy to go through a presidential impeachment.**

Holding government officials accountable for their actions strengthens our democracy. Letting lawlessness stand weakens it.

- **If we don't support our president, we aid the terrorists.**

We support terrorism when we fail to deal with its root causes (poverty, lack of education, support of dictatorships, etc.). We also support it by enabling a president who creates breeding grounds for terrorists – like Iraq has now become, thanks to our invasion and occupation.

Middle Eastern countries upset with the oppressive international policies of the past and current administration might think better of the U.S. if we appeared to learn from our mistakes by impeaching a president who has been so instrumental in that oppression.

## Side note:

Some Democratic Members of Congress have indicated that they're not currently pursuing impeachment. While this is upsetting, they perceive it to be in their (and the DFLs) political best interest. At least until the political pressure builds. There are also other reasons they're waiting. But, one of the things they're waiting for is us. We are part of the process. They're waiting for us to help them out, by legitimizing their support for the process. Having millions of memorials arrive at their door is how that happens.

# Instructions:

1. Print out two copies of the documents in this pdf (four cover letters, and four petitions)
2. Fill in all blank spots:
  - Your name/address in the eight “From:” boxes on the four cover letters and four petitions.
  - Your full name after “I, \_\_\_\_\_” on the four cover letters.
  - Your state after “State of \_\_\_\_\_” on the four cover letters (example: Minnesota).
  - Your signature and the current date on the “Signature” line at the bottom of the four cover letters.
  - Your full name after “The petition of \_\_\_\_\_” on each of the four petitions.
  - Your state after “State of \_\_\_\_\_” on the four petitions (example: Minnesota).
3. **OPTIONAL:** There was confusion as to whether the petitions needed to be notarized. However, according to the chief parliamentarian in the U.S. House of Representatives, and his deputy, the document does not need to be notarized. However, if you’d rather be on the safe side, usually for FREE at the local bank with which you are a customer or many work places, they will notarize your two petitions with notary spots on them. There are also notaries in every law office. **IMPORTANT: WHILE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE NOTARY, you will sign and date these documents.**  
Find a notary here:  
<http://www.notaryrotary.com/agent/search.asp>

However, do not let this whole notary thing be a hindrance. If you are unlikely to go to this effort, or if you do not have a bank account and are unwilling to pay to have it notarized (usually a very small fee if not free at many businesses), then send it in without being notarized anyway (but be sure to sign the remaining two documents). Notarization is probably not necessary, and sending your petition in still lets the politicians know your intent, and helps to add political pressure.
4. If you’ve decided against getting the document notarized, then at least sign/date on the “Signature” line of the four petitions that have the bit about notarization on them.
5. Address four envelopes, two for Conyers, and two for Sensenbrenner with the addresses found on the cover letters.
6. Place your return address and stamps on these four envelopes.
7. Place the petitions/cover letters in the appropriately addressed envelopes.
8. Mail one each (two total: one for Sensenbrenner, and one for Conyers) today. Their addresses are at the tops of the cover letters.
9. Mail one each (two total: one for Sensenbrenner, and one for Conyers) on Oct 12<sup>th</sup>.
10. Celebrate as you watch Bush get impeached!

# Petition: Cover Letter

To: Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.  
2449 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-5101

From (Name & Address):

Dear Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.,

I, \_\_\_\_\_, citizen of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, and of the United States, respectfully ask your representation in the U.S. House of Representatives through a petition of memorial. In concordance with the Jefferson's Manual section LIII, 603, which states that "impeachment may be set in motion by charges preferred by a memorial, which is usually referred to a committee for examination", I submit the enclosed petition for review by the House Judiciary Committee (for precedent see Hinds Sec. 2364, 2491, 2494) regarding the impeachment of the President of the United States.

For precedent, I refer to the petition of Luke Edward Lawless, from March 30th, 1826 in regards to impeaching Federal Judge James H. Peck.

Also, here are the House rules that allow for the submission of the memorial:

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Petitions, memorials, <<NOTE: Sec. 819. Duties of Speaker and Members in presenting petitions.>> and other papers addressed to the House may be presented by the Speaker as well as by a Member (IV, 3312). Petitions from the country at large are presented by the Speaker in the manner prescribed by the rule (III, 2030; IV, 3318; VII, 1025). A Member may present a petition from the people of a State other than his own (IV, 3315, 3316). The House itself may refer one portion of a petition to one committee and another portion to another committee (IV, 3359, 3360), but ordinarily the reference of a petition does not come before the House itself. A committee may receive a petition only through the House (IV, 4557).

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The evidence for the crimes set forth in the memorial can be found at:

<http://ImpeachForPeace.org/evidence/>

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this procedure.

Respectfully,

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Signature

Date:

# Petition

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To the Honorable House of Representatives of the United States:

The petition of \_\_\_\_\_, a citizen of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, and of the United States, respectfully showeth:  
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The memorial goes on to set forth that, George W. Bush has intentionally misled the Congress and the public regarding the threat from Iraq in order to justify a war against Iraq, intentionally conspired with others to defraud the United States in connection with the war against Iraq in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 371; and

The memorial goes on to set forth that, George W. Bush has admitted to ordering the National Security Agency to conduct electronic surveillance of American civilians without seeking warrants from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review, duly constituted by Congress in 1978, in violation of Title 50 United States Code, Section 1805; and

The memorial goes on to set forth that, George W. Bush has conspired to commit the torture of prisoners in violation of the "Federal Torture Act" Title 18 United States Code, Section 113C, the UN Torture Convention and the Geneva Convention, which under Article VI of the Constitution are part of the "supreme Law of the Land"; and

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The memorial goes on to set forth that, In all of this George W. Bush has acted in a manner contrary to his trust as President, subversive of constitutional government to the great prejudice of the cause of law and justice, and to the manifest injury of the people of the United States.

In conclusion the memorialist says:

Having thus submitted to your honorable body the facts of his case, your petitioner begs leave to observe that it appears from those facts:

First. That the said George W. Bush has, in his capacity of President of the United States, been guilty of usurping a power which the laws of the land did not give him.

Second. That said George W. Bush has exercised his power, be the same usurped or legitimate, to the detriment of every citizen of the United States.

Wherefore, and inasmuch as the said George W. Bush has violated the most sacred and undoubted rights of the inhabitants of these United States, your petitioner prays that the conduct and proceedings in this behalf, of said George W. Bush, may be inquired into by your honorable body, and such decision made therein to impeach, to appoint managers to conduct the impeachment trial in the Senate, and to inform the Senate of these facts by resolution (Manual Sec. 607; Deschler Ch 14 Sec. 9) for trial and removal from office and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust or profit under the United States;

And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will pray.

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SWORN TO and subscribed in my presence this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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2426 Rayburn Building  
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(202) 225-5126

From (Name & Address):

Dear Honorable John Conyers, Jr.,

I have sent a version of the following petition for impeachment to Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. I am sending you a copy because of your tremendous effort in this regard. I send this to you in the hopes that, if Sensenbrenner chooses to disregard my petition, that you might use this evidence of my concern along with similar efforts by citizens of the United States, as proof of the will of the people regarding the need for oversight of this presidential administration. Thank you your past efforts and in advance for your continued vigilance.

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