September 2, 2021

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Republican Leader  
H-204  
The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

Dear Leader McCarthy,

We urge you to allow consideration of a proposed change to the rules for the Republican Conference regarding committee membership. This proposal is not because of a policy or political difference, but because some members have chosen to work with the Democrats to investigate and potentially remove Republican Members from the House.

Republican Conference meetings are an opportunity for elected House Republicans to come together and strategize the most effective path to push back on the radical policies of Speaker Pelosi and the Democrats. Many of the coming discussions will likely revolve around our defense against the Democrats’ perpetuation of the false narrative that January 6th was an insurrection and how to protect our own from their legally questionable investigative methods. Congresswoman Cheney and Congressman Kinzinger are two spies for the Democrats that we currently invite to the meetings, despite our inability to trust them.

Speaker Pelosi is perpetuating the false narrative that House Republicans are responsible for the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6th. She has continued to brand the events as an insurrection, despite the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) testifying the events do not meet that threshold. During his testimony before the House Judiciary Committee, Director Wray specifically stated that most people gathered at the Capitol were truly “peaceful protestors exercising their First Amendment rights.” Many others weren’t engaged in violence, they were simply where they were not legally supposed to be, and a number of those have been charged with trespassing. And, with justification, the FBI and the Department of Justice have been investigating and arresting those who attacked police and vandalized the Capitol.

But the FBI’s investigation and prosecutions are not enough for Speaker Pelosi. She needs publicity and narrative. She needs to demonize Republicans. And this Select Committee is her path for doing so. The Select Committee allows her to target the Republican Members of Congress she thinks will be most beneficial to her narrative; those that she thinks she may be able to unseat from Congress; those whom targeting will raise her the most amount of money.

Once Speaker Pelosi made her intentions for the Select Committee clear by denying Congressman Jim Banks and Congressman Jim Jordan from serving on the Select Committee,
you rightly requested that no other Republican Members agree to serve on her witch-hunt task force. Congresswoman Cheney and Congressman Kinzinger defied that request, offering to aid the Democrats in their investigation. We cannot trust these Members to sit in our Republican Conference meetings while we plan our defense against the Democrats.

We have enclosed the proposed rule change we are advocating for and urge it to be brought before the Conference for consideration as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Rule 1 of the House GOP Conference Rules is amended as follows:

Add after Rule 1(b) the following:

(c) Any Member of the Conference who accepts a committee assignment or serves on a committee without a recommendation to the Conference of the Republican Steering Committee or the Republican Leader, shall immediately cease to be a Member of the Conference.