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Mr. Neil Girrard
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Dear Mr. Girrard,

Thank you for reaching out about your concern over the impeachment inquiry into President Trump. It's so important for me to know how my constituents feel about the issues that affect our community and our country.

I was elected to serve New Mexico - to attract healthcare providers to rural towns, fix our broken border policy, and invest in infrastructure to save lives and bring our whole country into the 21st century. To do that work, I must also constantly act to support and defend the Constitution.

Recently, reports were published that President Trump withheld military aid to pressure the Ukrainian President into interfering with our national election. If true, President Trump's efforts to leverage the power of his office for personal political gain is evidence he put America's national security at risk.

After reviewing the transcript of President Trump's call with the Ukrainian President, I called for an investigation of the facts. I stated that "(t)he President must ... allow any testimony by the whistleblower, or any other administration officials, to occur free of White House interference." I refused to call this investigation an impeachment inquiry after solemn deliberation, because I believed our best hope of finding the truth is to review the facts in as unbiased a manner as possible. However, it is our shared duty to examine the evidence and weigh the consequences, not for partisan gain, but for our country, its security and the integrity of our elections.

The president and his administration made it clear to New Mexicans that they are not committed to finding the truth. They took unprecedented steps to prevent the facts from coming forward. The White House and the State Department stopped a key witness from testifying before Congress and the White House issued a letter refusing to cooperate at all with the investigation.

If we refuse to seek the truth, we risk our safety and the integrity of the very Constitution I swore to support and defend.

These actions by the president and the administration left me with no other way to get the information the country deserves than to support an impeachment inquiry. I voted for an impeachment inquiry because it lays out a public, transparent, and bipartisan process focused on finding the facts and determining the truth.

To be very clear, I have not reached judgment on the president's actions, nor on the appropriate response, but I need the facts to make these weighty decisions.

Despite this dark, turbulent time for our country, I am inspired by the people of New Mexico. I've talked with rural doctors focused on getting care to patients who can't afford expensive treatments or travel for services. I've worked with tribal leaders focused on getting water to families who still have to haul it. I've listened to business owners trying to keep our border thriving in the midst of an uncertain trade economy. I've spoken to industry leaders leading the fight for safe streets in the Permian Basin, and I've learned from NMSU students who want to find a way to build their future here in New Mexico. The people of New Mexico are doing the work that needs to be done, and I will stay focused on doing that work with them. It is what I came to Congress to do.

While we may disagree about this issue, I know that talking with constituents about issues like this is the most important part of my job. Thank you for being willing to engage me in the conversation.

Thank you again for contacting me about this important issue. Please continue to call or write to my offices in New Mexico or Washington, DC, to share your opinion on the issues our country faces, or if there is anything I can help you with. I also invite you to sign up for my newsletter at <https://torressmall.house.gov/newsletter-subscribe> for periodic updates on my work. It is an honor to serve you in the U.S. Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Xochitl Torres Small', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Xochitl Torres Small
Member of Congress