

Herrell Opposes Impeachment, Turning a Blind Eye to Trump's Role in Last Week's Violent Riot

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New Mexico Democrats

This afternoon, President Donald Trump became the only president in the history of the United States to be impeached twice. A bipartisan group of lawmakers, including 10 Republican representatives, voted to charge the president with "incitement of insurrection." This was the most bipartisan impeachment vote in history. This article of impeachment was introduced in response to last week's violent riot that breached the U.S. Capitol and was fueled by election disinformation and conspiracy theories.

Among the most notable Republican representatives to vote in favor of impeachment was Republican Conference Chair Liz Cheney, the third highest ranking Republican in the US House of Representatives. In her statement declaring her intention to vote for impeachment she said, "[t]he President of the United States summoned this mob, assembled the mob, and lit the flame of this attack. Everything that followed was his doing. None of this would have happened without the President. The President could have immediately and forcefully intervened to stop the violence. He did not. There has never been a greater betrayal by a President of the United States of his office and his oath to the Constitution. I will vote to impeach the President."

"Republican Congresswoman Liz Cheney said it best, '[t]here has never been a greater betrayal by a President of the United States of his office and his oath to the Constitution.' And today, Representative Yvette Herrell failed to protect the Constitution and uphold her oath of office by refusing to hold President Trump accountable for his actions," **said DPNM Chair Marg Elliston**. "In a statement attempting to defend her vote, Rep. Herrell said 'I was proud to stand with President Trump today.' I have news for the representative, it is not her job to stand with President Trump. It's her job to put partisan politics aside, protect the constitution, and represent the people of southern New Mexico. She failed to do that today and she failed to do that last Wednesday. I fear her actions over this past week have made clear that Yvette will put herself first and her constituents, and our communities, second."

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