

U.S. Rep. Pocan: 'A Cover-Up That Will Haunt our Democracy'

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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Mark Pocan (WI-02) released the following statement after the Senate voted to acquit President Donald Trump at the conclusion of his impeachment trial.

“Senate Republicans have ensured a cover-up that will haunt our democracy for generations to come. Make no mistake, Donald Trump committed two impeachable offenses—abusing the power of his office and obstructing Congress—and acquitting him of those crimes is a refusal to uphold one’s oath of office.

“At every step of this impeachment trial, Republican Senators have acted as the President’s personal bodyguards. By refusing to allow any witnesses or documents, they’re engaging in a cover-up. Pronouncing his innocence before the trial even began, these Senators did not even attempt to act as impartial jurors. They suspended their oaths to the Constitution in favor of protecting a tyrant, long ago.

“If we can’t trust the Senate to hold this President accountable, then they must at least uphold their basic duty and pass legislation to protect our democracy from further foreign interference. Our democracy is now too vulnerable to afford another election unprotected.”