

King Submits Complaint to the House Ethics Committee to Request an Investigation into Kevin McCarthy's Unprecedented Wrongdoing

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Press Release

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Steve King submitted a complaint to the House Ethics Committee, requesting an investigation into the overtly concerted effort to wrongly appropriate the authorities vested in the United States House of Representatives to deprive the Congressman and the constituents of the Fourth Congressional District of Iowa of equal representation in the House. Congressman King did not violate U.S. law, the Code of Official Conduct or congressional precedent, yet was removed from his committee assignments without even the feigned consideration of due process.

Congressman King's letter to the Ethics Committee states in part as follows: "Shortly before the release of the January 2019 New York Times hit piece on me, which was instantaneously used to justify the actions taken by the Republican Steering Committee, under the leadership of Minority Leader McCarthy, I was given a heads up by a trusted friend and professional connection that, having failed to defeat me in the recently passed November 2018 general election, my opponents were ready to take another shot, even before the new Congress assembled and nearly two years in advance of the 2020 election cycle".

The Constitution does not allow the people's House to be used as a cover for party machines and bosses. Using power and position to manufacture and perpetrate dishonest political narratives, complete with distortions and outright lies camouflaged as facts under the cover of official congressional business, is a gross and repugnant violation of the American people who are the very constituent parts of this government.

For these reasons, I have requested that after the House Committee on Ethics thoroughly investigates and makes its recommendations, it proceeds to make all appropriate referrals to the Department of Justice for further investigation, as appropriate.