

25 Democrats Launch Initiative to Remove Trump from Office Because of Mental Incompetence

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Twenty-five Democrats, led by Representative Jamie Raskin, have endorsed an initiative that calls for removing President Trump from office for being mentally incapable. [This ploy is highly unlikely to succeed but may be part of an on-going high-profile attack against Trump to prepare the public to accept the 'inevitability' of an attempt on the President's life. I fervently hope I am wrong in this analysis.] –GEG

Several Democrats, led by Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-Md.), have signed onto an initiative that could lead to President Trump's removal using 25th Amendment powers.

According to the [Washington Post](#), Raskin's bill would activate a probe into whether President Trump has been too far "incapacitated" to continue as the leader of the free world.

The 25th Amendment deals mainly with presidential succession, denoting that the vice president would take over for a deceased or removed president, and so on.

Raskin said his legislation would focus on Section 4 of the 1967 amendment, which reads in part:

"Whenever the vice president and a majority of ... bod[ies] such as Congress may by law

provide, transmit to the president pro-tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the president is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the vice president shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as acting president."

Raskin said he is concerned that "something is seriously wrong" with Trump, citing a "sustained pattern of behavior" and several "errant and seemingly deranged tweets."

"It certainly doesn't feel like the ship is on an even course right now," he said.

The bill would order Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) to each choose a physician and psychiatrist to be part of a commission that will determine Trump's ability to continue as president.

One of the bill's top supporters, Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas) said Trump is "incompatible" with the Oval Office, and called him "incompetent" in a recent interview on FBN.

Lee and Raskin were chiefly joined by Rep. Anthony Brown (D-Md.) and Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.), along with several other Democrats.

However, as the Constitution reads, in order for the 25th Amendment powers to be activated, Vice President Mike Pence would have to sign off on the removal.

Raskin's fellow Marylander, Rep. Andy Harris (R-Eastern Shore) called the move a partisan ploy.

Harris, a medical doctor by trade, said it takes "years of schooling" to be able to "evaluate someone's mental and physical health," suggesting that congressmen should not be diagnosing Trump.

He called it an "insult to the [medical] profession."

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