

Dozens of House Democrats Ask Biden to Give Up Sole Power to Launch Nuclear Bomb

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Democrat US Representatives Jimmy Panetta and Ted Lieu are leading a group of 31 House Democrats who have requested Joe Biden to renounce his sole authority as President to launch nuclear weapons. The pair suggested alternatives that included oversight by the vice president and speaker of the House, certifications from the Secretary of Defense that the strike order was valid, as well as certification from the Attorney General that it was legal, consultation with a permanent council of congressional leaders, and a formal declaration of war by Congress, which is the Constitutional option. Biden's cognitive abilities have been questioned, and Democrats fear allowing him sole discretion over launching nuclear weapons. -GEG

Over thirty House Democrats are asking President Biden to consider renouncing his authority to launch nuclear weapons.

In a letter sent Tuesday but **publicized Wednesday**, 31 lawmakers led by Reps. Jimmy Panetta (D-Calif.) and Ted Lieu (D-Calif.) urge the commander in chief to “consider modifying the decision-making process the United States uses in its command and control of nuclear forces.”

“As president, two of your most critical and solemn duties are the security of the country and the safeguarding of its nuclear arsenal,” the letter reads, noting the president’s sole authority to order the use of nuclear weapons assures keeping them under civilian control.

“However, vesting one person with this authority entails real risks,” Panetta and Lieu continued.

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