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Attention: Viewer Services
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Washington, DC 20001

Dear Sir or Madam:

As a retired member of the Armed Forces, I urge media support of President Clinton, and our men and women in uniform in harms way. I served during the Gulf War, and I know the importance of unity at home when serving in a foreign land. We all knew that diplomatic efforts were in progress concerning Iraq, long before the Impeachment Hearings. I don't think timing of the strike should be an issue.

I do not support the Impeachment of the President. I am extremely disturbed that the subject of Censure has not been brought out as means with which to settle this dispute.

I appreciate the difficulty of the Impeachment decision for both Democrats and Republicans, since the law is setup to be impartial. However, I have observed months of debate, pressure tactics, manipulation, Judge Starr's sexual propaganda, character assassination of the President, and anyone else who isn't forcing the issue of Impeachment, in attempt to overturn an election by the people.

As a woman who served in the Armed Forces for over twenty years, I have seen the careers of many men destroyed by attention-seeking, ruthless women and I do not support the assessment of the Paula Jones/Monica Lewinsky dilemmas, who are at present on a shopping spree with the Nation's money. Sexual harassment has much to do with the responsible behavior of adults in any workplace. Any sexual encounter between consenting adults is their private business.

Although many of our leaders survived Vietnam, and served honorably in the Armed Forces, there were many whose parents possessed enough wealth and connection power (*the real draft-dodgers*) to keep them out of wars. During the 1960's, too many minorities, and poor white people, were considered expendable as casualties of war. Because of the injustices of the draft conducted during that period in time, I have no problem with those who decided not to serve.

Great sacrifices were made, so that America's best and brightest could lead this Nation. I am fifty years old, and greatly disappointed that those appointed to the halls of power have dealt with issues poorly, and squandered our Nation's resources on behalf of a wealthy few, rather than the good of all of its people through collaborative efforts to solve problems.

By the time the Impeachment process is over, we will be choosing new leaders anyway. So just what is point? Congress men and women need to stay focused on the issues that really count; such as the education of our children to sustain and preserve the Nation we leave them, job creation, the environment, research and development, medical care, global poverty both at home and abroad, juvenile justice, a failing prison system, many others and encourage their colleagues to do the same.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my concerns. Happy holidays to you and your family.

Respectfully,

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