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## **Congressional Candidate Paul Richmond calls for Judiciary Committee Hearings on Impeachment for Bush and Cheney**

Congressional Candidate Paul Richmond joins the many, many others calling for Hearings before the Judiciary Committee on the Impeachment of President Bush and Vice President Cheney.

Richmond is one of the earliest supporters of Impeachment in Washington, actively working for Impeachment for more than five years. He served as the volunteer lawyer for Majority Visibility Project and Standup Seattle the first groups in Washington to openly advocate for Impeachment. He took the Secret Service to Court to allow demonstrators closer to a Bush fundraiser in Medina. He gave well researched testimony in support of Resolutions for Impeachment introduced by Washington State Senator Eric Oemig. He has worked actively with Washington for Impeachment and received the Endorsement of its Director, Linda Boyd.

On Thursday July 10, Representative Kucinich introduced a single Article of Impeachment for President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard Cheney. As per the rules, Impeachment is the province of the Judiciary Committee. This is something supported by at least two Judiciary Committee members, Florida Democrat Bob Wexler and Wisconsin Democrat Tammy Baldwin, who have co-sponsored Resolutions for Impeachment with Kucinich.

Judiciary Committee Chair John Conyers, D, Michigan, gave every indication that he was in favor of Impeachment prior to the 2006 elections. Conyers completed a report of more than 350 pages<sup>1</sup>, calling for an inquiry into such impeachable offenses as:

- making false statements to Congress
- Misuse of Government Funds
- Violation of Federal laws and international treaties prohibiting torture and cruel and unusual treatment
- Retaliating against witnesses in violation of the whistleblower laws.
- Violating FISA and the Fourth Amendment by intercepting countless communications without warrant

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.afterdowningstreet.org/constitutionincrisis>

- Violating the National Security Act by failing to keep all members of the Senate and House Intelligence Committees “fully and currently informed.”
- determining to go to war before Congressional Authorization
- Manipulating and Misstating Intelligence to justify a pre-emptive war

Conyers report provides no less than 27 pages of legal standards and authority.<sup>2</sup> Impeachment is something a majority of citizens, have favored Impeachment if Bush lied about his reasons for going to war with Iraq, or wiretapped citizens without a judge’s order, according to polling by Zogby and Ipsos.<sup>3</sup> in a recent MSNBC Poll 89% stated they believed that between the secret spying, the deceptions leading to war and more, there is plenty to justify putting (George W. Bush) on trial.<sup>4</sup>

Unfortunately, Conyers appeared hamstrung by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi who had famously declared Impeachment “off the table.” Yet as Conyers office was deluged with requests to move this forward, Pelosi reversed herself yesterday saying that the Judiciary Committee may indeed hold hearings.<sup>5</sup> Congress then voted overwhelmingly to move forward on the resolution with 251-166 with 24 Republicans voting in favor.

Candidate Paul Richmond welcomed this as an indication that the surge of mass support for Impeachment is working. “It’s a basic principal,” Richmond said, “when we get enough of a parade, the professional politicians will eventually move to the front of it. When we do our jobs as citizens and work to keep our elected leaders honest, it does sometimes pay off.”

Richmond has a several decade background as an outsider who’s worked to keep elected officials honest. He’s done this through organizing community members, using his skills as a media producer and investigative reporter and by applying the tools available to him as a lawyer. His successes include helping to end a pilot program that had the National Guard accompanying police on drug raids, helping to redistrict a police precinct with one of the highest shooting rates in the country, publishing the names and phone numbers of officers who’d illegally spied on citizens, helping to end clear-cutting in a major watershed, helping to defeat a \$1.3 billion pork barrel project at the ballot, and helping to prevent the University of Washington Police from acquiring M-16 Rifles from the military.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.afterdowningstreet.org/downloads/crisis/legalstandards.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.afterdowningstreet.org/downloads/pollingonepage.pdf07>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/10562904>

<sup>5</sup> [www.cbsnews.com/stories/2008/10/politics/politico/thecrypt/main4248168.shtml](http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2008/10/politics/politico/thecrypt/main4248168.shtml)

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## **Congressional Candidate Paul Richmond calls on Congress to Support Impeachment Resolution**

As we write this, Congressman Dennis Kucinich is introducing 35 Separate articles of Impeachment against sitting President George W. Bush. The campaign of Paul Richmond supports this and asks that other members of Congress join in supporting this.

Impeachment is something that has long been supported by the majority of citizens in this country.<sup>i</sup> Even members of past Republican presidential administrators are calling for the Impeachment of this administration. There is no lack of evidence that this administration is worthy impeachment. Before taking control of both houses of Congress, the Democrats had gathered extensive documentation that the current Bush administration has broken the law repeatedly.<sup>ii</sup>

Richmond dismissed arguments that there wasn't enough time. "The impeachment of Clinton took four months. Once it gathered momentum, it took five months to press Nixon to resign. Prior to the start of these five months as many Republican representatives "supported" President Nixon as now "support" this administration. The most famous question that brought Nixon down, "what did the President know and when did he know it," was asked by Howard Baker (R. Tenn.) who began as one of these supporters,"<sup>iii</sup> said Congressional Candidate, Richmond.

Crimes of this administration include spying on citizens, denying citizens the ability to vote, lying about the war, using government offices for political advantage, and giving sweet heart deals to private contractors.

The Bush and Cheney administration needs to be held accountable for what it has done to this country, before it, or a future administration does even worse. As the U.S. Supreme Court has noted, the process to do this is Impeachment.<sup>iv</sup>

Paul Richmond is a candidate for Congress in Washington's Sixth District. He is a Democrat challenging incumbent Norm Dicks.

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<sup>i</sup> See for example <http://www.vermontguardian.com/dailies/012006/011606.shtml>, citing to Zogby Poll and <http://www.afterdowningstreet.org/?q=node/3528>

<sup>ii</sup> See for example John Conyers reports, <http://www.afterdowningstreet.org/constitutionincrisis> and <http://www.afterdowningstreet.org/downloads/crisis/legalstandards.pdf>, Elizabeth de la Vega, *U.S. v. Bush*, ISBN 10:1-58322-756-3, the Center for Constitutional Rights,

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[http://www.democracyinaction.org/dia/organizationsORG/ccr/campaign.jsp?campaign\\_KEY=2702](http://www.democracyinaction.org/dia/organizationsORG/ccr/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=2702), and John Bonifaz, The Case for Impeaching George W. Bush, ISBN 1-56025-606-0

<sup>iii</sup> Judith Volkart, Esq. , from the collection Impeach the President, the Case Against Bush and Cheney, p.17, ISBN 10:1-58322-743-1.

<sup>iv</sup> Nixon v. Fitzgerald, 457 U.S. 731 at 757, 102 S.Ct. 2690, 73 L.Ed. 2d 349 (1982).