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Dear Captain Barbabella:

According to former Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene, long one of President Donald Trump’s staunchest political allies, the President “has gone insane.”<sup>1</sup> That is a medical judgment that I am not qualified to make, but I understand what Republican Marjorie Taylor Greene is talking about.

Experts have repeatedly warned that the President has been exhibiting signs consistent with dementia and cognitive decline.<sup>2</sup> And, in recent days, the country has watched President Trump’s public statements and outbursts turn increasingly incoherent, volatile, profane, deranged, and threatening. His apparently deteriorating condition has caused tremendous alarm across the nation (and political spectrum) about the President’s cognitive function and continuing mental fitness for the office of President, and prompted concerns about the President’s well-being.

At a time when our country is at war—especially when the war was initiated by the President without congressional declaration or consent—the American people must be able to trust that the Commander-in-Chief has the mental capacity to discharge the essential duties of his office. I therefore request that you conduct a comprehensive cognitive assessment of President Donald Trump, provide those results to Congress, and make yourself available to brief Congress on your findings.

Republicans and Democrats alike have recognized that presidential cognitive fitness is a matter of urgent and essential public concern and that it warrants rigorous congressional oversight. Calling former President Joe Biden’s mental acuity “one of the greatest scandals in

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<sup>1</sup> Former Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene (@FmrRepMTG), X (Apr. 5, 2026, 9:51 a.m.), <https://x.com/FmrRepMTG/status/2040789438494585175>.

<sup>2</sup> See e.g., Aleks Phillips, *Donald Trump Dementia Evidence ‘Overwhelming,’ Says Top Psychiatrist*, NEWSWEEK (Mar. 20, 2024), <https://www.newsweek.com/donald-trump-dementia-evidence-overwhelming-top-psychiatrist-1881247>.

our nation’s history,” Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer actually subpoenaed the White House physician and issued a comprehensive staff report on the subject. Judiciary Committee Chairman Jordan declared that a president who is not cognitively fit “isn’t fit for office.”<sup>3</sup> I trust that both Chairmen will stand by this important principle today with the country in an uproar over the President’s recent fulminations and mad threats.

President Trump’s recent behavior has raised unsettling questions about his mental state. On Easter Sunday morning, the 79-year-old President of the United States posted the following message on Truth Social at 8:03 a.m.: “Tuesday will be Power Plant Day, and Bridge Day, all wrapped up in one, in Iran. There will be nothing like it!!! Open the Fuckin’ Strait, you crazy bastards, or you’ll be living in Hell – JUST WATCH! Praise be to Allah.”<sup>4</sup> The post combined vulgarity and profanity, unprecedented threats of mass civilian destruction, and a sarcastic invocation of Islam on Easter morning—a bizarre display that shocked tens of millions of Americans and astonished observers across the political spectrum.

Then at the White House Easter Egg Roll the following day, the President—flanked by the Easter Bunny and surrounded by hundreds of children in pastel dresses and bunny ears—launched into an inexplicable rant about the Iran War, describing bombing missions, downed fighter jets, and rescue operations to an audience of small children. He then told the assembled children that he could sign autographs, and the kids could “sell them for \$25,000 on eBay” before descending the White House steps with labored physical difficulty, gripping the First Lady for support, and displaying visible dark bruising on his right hand.<sup>5</sup>

On Tuesday morning, the President dramatically escalated his disturbing rhetoric with the following post on Truth Social: “A whole civilization will die tonight, never to be brought back

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<sup>3</sup> Press Release, H. COMM. ON OVERSIGHT AND GOV’T REFORM, *Chairman Comer Expands Investigation into Biden Mental Decline Cover-Up* (June 4, 2025), <https://oversight.house.gov/release/chairman-comer-expands-investigation-into-biden-mental-decline-cover-up/>; Press Release, H. COMM. ON OVERSIGHT AND GOV’T REFORM, *Chairman Comer Demands Testimony from Biden’s Doctor, Former White House Aides on Cover-Up of Mental Decline* (May 22, 2025), <https://oversight.house.gov/release/chairman-comer-demands-testimony-from-bidens-doctor-former-white-house-aides-on-cover-up-of-mental-decline/>; Staff Report, H. COMM. ON OVERSIGHT AND GOV’T REFORM, *The Biden Autopen Presidency: Decline, Delusion, and Deception in the White House* (Oct. 28, 2025), <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/The-Biden-Autopen-Presidency-Decline-Delusion-and-Deception-in-the-White-House-2025.10.24.pdf-UPDATED-Oct.-28.pdf>; Jamie Joseph & Elizabeth Elkind, *Republicans Slam Biden As ‘Unfit’ for Office After Classified Docs Report, As Democrats Say He’s Cleared*, FOX NEWS (Feb. 8, 2024), <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/republicans-slam-special-counsel-report-shows-biden-unfit-office-democrats-say-hes-cleared> (quoting Chairman Jordan: “Today’s report from Robert Hur tells us two things: There’s a double standard of justice in this country. And Joe Biden isn’t fit for office.”).

<sup>4</sup> Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump), TRUTH SOCIAL (Apr. 5, 2026, 8:03 a.m.), <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/116351998782539414>.

<sup>5</sup> Betsy Klein, *With the Easter Bunny at His Side, Trump Won’t Stop Talking About Iran*, CNN (Apr. 6, 2026), <https://www.cnn.com/2026/04/06/politics/white-house-easter-trump-iran>; Paloma Chavez, *Trump Rambles About Biden and Autopens to Table of Children at White House Easter Egg Roll*, PEOPLE (Apr. 6, 2026), <https://people.com/trump-rambles-about-biden-and-autopens-to-table-of-children-at-white-house-easter-egg-roll-11944069>; Laura Esposito, *Trump’s Easter Egg Roll Appearance Raises Fresh Health Questions*, DAILY BEAST (Apr. 6, 2026), <https://www.thedailybeast.com/donald-trumps-easter-egg-roll-appearance-raises-fresh-health-questions/>.

again. I don't want that to happen, but it probably will.”<sup>6</sup> In a dashed-off social media post, the President of the United States threatened to commit war crimes or even genocide on a country of more than 90 million people. Legal experts and world leaders, including the Pope, have repudiated those threats and warned that any strikes on civilian infrastructure and populations would constitute war crimes.<sup>7</sup>

The deep and growing alarm about the President's mental fitness does not follow party lines. Some of the President's most prominent allies and former allies have been sounding the loudest alarms of all. Former Rep. Greene, once one of President Trump's fiercest defenders in Congress, after declaring that the President “has gone insane,” called for invocation of the 25th Amendment.<sup>8</sup> Tucker Carlson, who campaigned for the President in 2024, called the Easter Sunday post “vile on every level” and urged members of the Administration to “figure out the codes on the [nuclear] football” to prevent catastrophe.<sup>9</sup> Candace Owens called the President “a genocidal lunatic” and demanded that “[o]ur Congress and military need to intervene.”<sup>10</sup> Even Alex Jones warned that the President “sounds like an unhinged super villain” and asked on his broadcast, “How do we 25th Amendment his ass?”<sup>11</sup> These concerns are widespread, with medical experts and the majority of Americans now believing the President lacks the mental sharpness and physical health to serve effectively.<sup>12</sup>

This is plainly out of the realm of normal politics. When the President of the United States threatens to extinguish a civilization on social media, rants about combat missions with children at the Easter Egg Roll, and drops profane tirades on Easter morning, we have indisputably entered the realm of profound medical difficulty and concern.

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<sup>6</sup> Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump), TRUTH SOCIAL (Apr. 7, 2026), <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/116363336033995961>.

<sup>7</sup> *WATCH: Pope Leo XIV Calls Trump's Iran Threat 'Truly Unacceptable'*, PBS NEWS (Apr. 7, 2026), <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/watch-pope-leo-xiv-calls-trumps-iran-threat-truly-unacceptable>.

<sup>8</sup> Former Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene (@FmrRepMTG), X (Apr. 5, 2026, 9:51 a.m.), <https://x.com/FmrRepMTG/status/2040789438494585175>; Former Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene (@FmrRepMTG), X (Apr. 7, 2026, 8:53 a.m.), <https://x.com/FmrRepMTG/status/2041499550012084690>.

<sup>9</sup> Will Steakin & Ivan Pereira, *Tucker Carlson Slams Trump Over His Easter Rhetoric on Iran: 'Vile On Every Level'*, ABC NEWS (Apr. 7, 2026), <https://abcnews.com/Politics/tucker-carlson-slams-trump-easter-rhetoric-iran-vile/story?id=131804505>; Malcolm Ferguson, *Trump's Former Allies Beg Someone to Learn the Nuke Codes to Stop Him*, NEW REPUBLIC (Apr. 7, 2026), <https://newrepublic.com/post/208714/trump-former-allies-nuclear-weapons-iran-25th-amendment>.

<sup>10</sup> Candace Owens (@RealCandaceO), X (Apr. 7, 2026, 10:14 a.m.), <https://x.com/RealCandaceO/status/2041520090038882448>.

<sup>11</sup> Alex Jones (@RealAlexJones), X (Apr. 7, 2026, 9:05 a.m.), <https://x.com/RealAlexJones/status/2041502734268903820>; Pocharapon Neammanee, *'How Do We 25th Amendment His Ass?': Alex Jones Openly Calls for Trump's Removal*, HUFFPOST (Apr. 7, 2026), [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/alex-jones-25th-amendment-donald-trump-iran\\_n\\_69d517c0e4b069b1caa3fda2](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/alex-jones-25th-amendment-donald-trump-iran_n_69d517c0e4b069b1caa3fda2).

<sup>12</sup> Anna Gibbs, *Is Trump Losing It?*, SLATE (Jan. 26, 2026), <https://slate.com/technology/2026/01/trump-dementia-cognitive-decline-aging-president.html>; Aaron Blake, *Polls Show Increasing Concerns About Trump's Mental Acuity*, CNN (Feb. 26, 2026), <https://www.cnn.com/2026/02/26/politics/donald-trump-mental-fitness-polls>.


In October 2025, you issued a statement declaring that the President “continues to demonstrate excellent overall health.”<sup>13</sup> In light of the President’s extreme behavior over the past week—to say nothing of his conduct in office more broadly—the public must know whether you still stand by that assessment. As Republican congressional leaders have repeatedly said, the American people deserve to know whether our President is mentally capable of making the life-or-death decisions that his office demands.

Accordingly, no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 24, 2026, I insist that you:

1. Conduct a comprehensive neuropsychological assessment of the President, including a formal cognitive screening instrument, and publicly release the results;
2. Provide a detailed report on the President’s current mental and physical health status, including any medications he is currently taking and their potential cognitive side effects; and
3. Make yourself available for a briefing, under oath, with Members of the Committee on the results of this assessment.

I look forward to your prompt compliance with this important and urgent oversight request.

Very truly yours,

  
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Jamie Raskin  
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Chairman

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<sup>13</sup> The White House (@WhiteHouse), X (Oct. 11, 2025, 11:31 a.m.), <https://x.com/WhiteHouse/status/1977034436761075946>.