

September 19, 2024

The Honorable Jim Jordan, Chair The Honorable Jerrold Nadler, Ranking Member Committee of the Judiciary U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Jordan and Ranking Member Nadler,

We urge you to support Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's articles of impeachment against Justices Thomas (<u>H.Res.1353</u>) and Alito (<u>H.Res.1354</u>) and to begin immediately impeachment proceedings.

Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito have engaged in multiple "high Crimes and Misdemeanors" in violation of Article II of the U.S. Constitution, making them unfit to continue serving on the Supreme Court.

In his position as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Justice Thomas has, over the course of many years, accepted and failed to disclose his receipt of hundreds of thousands of dollars in gifts and other financial benefits from Harlan Crow – the Republican billionaire and activist whose organizations regularly file briefs in the Supreme Court advocating positions that Thomas reliably adopts. Thomas has also refused to recuse himself from matters before the Court in which his wife had an interest, including attempts to overthrow the results of the 2020 presidential election.

Justice Alito, in addition to accepting and failing to disclose lavish gifts from conservative donors, displayed symbols of the January 6th insurrection outside his properties. The New York Times reported an upside-down American flag, a symbol of the "Stop the Steal" movement, flew outside the Alitos' primary residence after the 2020 election. A second Alito home flew an "Appeal to Heaven" flag, a symbol of Christian nationalism, in 2023. Justice Alito also failed to recuse himself from cases before the Court related to the 2020 election and the January 6th insurrection.

The Framers of our Constitution called on Congress specifically to hold judicial officers, including Supreme Court justices, accountable for high crimes and misdemeanors that compromise the integrity of the Court. Given the compelling evidence against Justice Thomas and Justice Alito for repeated transgressions fitting this description, it is imperative that the House Judiciary Committee promptly begin impeachment proceedings against them.

Sincerely,

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