

## Unacceptable - Jeff Sessions Must Resign Today!

### His continued service as Attorney General threatens the rule of law

During his confirmation hearings in January, Attorney General Jeff Sessions lied under oath. He can no longer credibly serve as the nation's chief law enforcement officer. Regardless of party, all political leaders who care about the rule of law should call for his resignation.

#### What did Sessions lie about?

- When Sen. Al Franken asked him what he would do if he learned of evidence that anyone affiliated with the Trump campaign communicated with the Russian government in the course of the 2016 campaign, Sessions replied: "I'm not aware of any of those activities. I have been called a surrogate at a time or two in that campaign and I did not have communications with the Russians."
- When Sen. Patrick Leahy asked Sessions for a written answer to this question: "Several of the President-elect's nominees or senior advisers have Russian ties. Have you been in contact with anyone connected to any part of the Russian government about the 2016 election, either before or after election day?" Sessions responded: "No."
- On March 1, the *Washington Post* reported that Sessions spoke twice with the Russian ambassador to the U.S. during the campaign.

#### Why is this important?

- Multiple sources have now confirmed that the Trump campaign colluded with the Russian government to influence the outcome of the U.S. presidential election. Russian operatives hacked into Democratic Party email accounts, produced and distributed fake news stories targeting Hillary Clinton and her associates, and met repeatedly with Trump campaign officials or surrogates.
- Attorney General Sessions cannot possibly lead a credible investigation of these activities. If he refuses to recuse himself, Congress must enact a statute providing for an independent counsel to investigate.
- Beyond this particular investigation, Sessions can no longer credibly serve as Attorney General. In 1999, while serving in the Senate, Sessions voted to impeach President Bill Clinton. One of the charges against President Clinton was perjury (i.e., lying under oath). Clinton lied about an extramarital affair; Sessions lied about his contacts with foreign government officials seeking to influence a US presidential election. If Sessions does not resign, the House of Representatives should initiate an impeachment investigation.

#### What can I do?

- Call on all elected officials to demand Sessions's resignation now. U.S. Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand have already done so. Representative John Katko has made no public statement. Call his offices today and ask why:
  - **Rep. Katko: 315-423-5657 (Syracuse), 315-253-4068 (Auburn), or 202-225-3701 (DC)**
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