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**Congress of the United States**  
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I strongly urge you to take immediate action to impeach Governor Blagojevich without delay. As a public official, you know that accusations are made about and against public officials from time to time. Every person accused of breaking the law should be protected under the Constitution, have the legal process move forward and have their day in court.

However, in this case it is the Governor's own voice on tape engaging in grossly unethical and illegal conduct. The Governor's own words have made our state the laughing stock of the nation.

Governor Blagojevich should be removed from office immediately!


In addition, I urge you to support the current process for filling the vacancy of the United States Senate seat vacated by President-elect Barack Obama.

Lt. Governor Quinn should appoint a replacement in the U.S. Senate seat as soon as possible after assuming the office of Governor. I oppose calling a special election to fill the Senate seat. A special election would cost the taxpayers ten of millions of dollars at a time when our state cannot meet its financial obligations, and the people of Illinois should not be left with only one United States Senator for the four to five months that it would take to have the special election.

Governor Blagojevich should be impeached as soon as possible. Lt. Governor Quinn would then become the Governor and he should fill the Senate seat and the voters of Illinois would elect both the next Governor and next United States Senator in the normal process in 2010.

I urge you to give serious consideration to my recommendations. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,



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