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## **THOUSANDS SIGN CALL-TO-ACTION AGAINST UNCONSTITUTIONAL EFFORTS TO IMPEACH DHS SECRETARY**

**Lawyers Defending American Democracy launched a [Call-to-Action](#) to stop efforts by Congress to impeach Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas; more than 4,600 have signed in support**

Legal experts around the country have condemned this effort as an illegal use of impeachment powers. Professor Laurence Tribe, a renowned constitutional law scholar and signer of LDAD's Call-to-Action, stated that the impeachment effort is fundamentally flawed and dangerous to our country:

*“The Secretary’s exercise of his responsibilities as the head of Homeland Security may lead to passionate disagreements as to how the border should be secured. They do not in any way, however, give rise to an impeachable offense. This perilous effort demonstrates a contempt for the Constitution.”*

The possible impeachment of an administrative official for policy disagreements represents an attack on a foundational principle that keeps all of us safe – the rule of law. Retired Federal District Court Judge Thelton Henderson, also a signer of LDAD's Call-to-Action stated,

*“The separation of powers is a fundamental underpinning of our democracy. Congress threatens the rule of law when it seeks to impose an unconstitutional punishment on an administrative official with whom they disagree. Nothing in this impeachment effort meets the required standard.”*

As the House Speaker continues to move this unconstitutional effort forward, LDAD will continue to seek signatures from across the country from those who believe in preserving the basic principles of American democracy.

For media inquiries, interview requests, or additional information about the organization's efforts, please contact Lauren Stiller Rikleen at [lrikleen@rikleeninstitute.com](mailto:lrikleen@rikleeninstitute.com)

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