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**Congresswoman Betty McCollum – Extension of Remarks
Impeachment of Donald J. Trump, President of the United States
January 13, 2021**

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Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota: Madam Speaker, last week's violent attack on Congress was an act of domestic terrorism. The U.S. Capitol building was desecrated and vandalized. Members of Congress, their staff members, and those who work in this temple of American democracy were terrorized. The women and men of the Capitol Police who work every day to protect us were beaten. Two officers lost their lives as a result of this tragedy.

Make no mistake, this was a terrorist plot to disrupt Congress; to prevent Congress from performing its duty under the Constitution to certify the results of the Electoral College that Joseph R. Biden and Kamala D. Harris will be sworn in as President and Vice President of the United States on January 20, 2021.

This domestic terrorist attack was an attempted coup against the United States of America by attacking the U.S. Congress and the Vice President of the United States Michael R. Pence. And this coup was inspired, encouraged, and supported by Donald J. Trump – the deranged and dangerous man who currently occupies the White House.

Today, I will vote to impeach Mr. Trump – for the second time – for high crimes and misdemeanors. If his actions in inciting the insurrection of January 6, 2021 do not warrant impeachment and removal by the Congress, then truly nothing is worthy of impeachment. Congress must protect this nation from Mr. Trump and from future Presidents who may seek to follow in his dangerous footsteps. We must impeach.

When Mr. Trump leaves the White House and is again a private citizen, I strongly urge the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate and prosecute Mr. Trump for crimes committed against our democracy and the people of the United States.

Madam Speaker, I yield back my time.

