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Dear Chairman Deutch and Ranking Member Marchant:

On January 10, 2019, in an interview published by the New York Times, Representative Steve King (IA-4) asked, "white nationalist, white supremacist, western civilization—how did that language become offensive? Why did I sit in classes teaching me about the merits of our history and our civilization?"

Following these racist comments legitimizing white supremacy and white nationalism as acceptable in today's society, the Republican Steering Committee voted to strip Rep. King of all his committee assignments. Two separate censure resolutions were offered and referred to the House Ethics Committee.

As you consider this matter, I want to make the Committee aware of the continued use of government resources on the part of Rep. King to promote and advance white nationalism. A HuffPost report<sup>1</sup> published today, January 29, details how King is continuing to use his government website to promote the white nationalist website VDare.com.

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) describe VDare.com as "an anti-immigration hate website" that serves as a platform to "promote the work of White supremacists, anti-Semites and others on the radical right."

Rep. King's comments and continued dog whistles are abhorrent to the founding principles of our nation and our rich history of diversity and tolerance of those whose backgrounds and beliefs have made America the envy of the world. Rep. King's behavior brings shame on the House of Representatives as a representative institution.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/steve-king-government-website-vdare-white-nationalist-blog\\_us\\_5c5077aae4b00906b26d91c1](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/steve-king-government-website-vdare-white-nationalist-blog_us_5c5077aae4b00906b26d91c1)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/vdare>

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