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Common Cause Urges the House to Support the Criminal Contempt Resolution for Mark Meadows for Ignoring Congressional Subpoena; Will “Score” Vote in our Next Democracy Scorecard

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Dear Representative:

No American is above the law, including the former President, his associates, and other elected officials. However, Mark Meadows, after initially cooperating, has ignored and failed to comply with a subpoena from the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol. In a unanimous, bipartisan vote last night, the Select Committee referred criminal contempt charges to the full House. We therefore urge the House to certify a contempt citation against Mr. Meadows and strongly urge a “yes” vote on the criminal contempt resolution.

Common Cause will “score” this vote in our next [Democracy Scorecard](#), which we send to our 1.5 million supporters and to press.

Americans deserve to know the full truth about the attack on our democracy on January 6th at the U.S. Capitol when a violent, racist mob attempted to overturn the result of the 2020 election. We deserve the truth and must understand the causes behind the attack that left fatalities and scores of seriously injured in its wake. The truth is vitally important to establish at a time when many – even some Members of Congress – are trying to whitewash the vicious attack by a mob bearing Confederate flags, bear spray, cudgels, and zip ties with bombs and weapons caches hidden nearby. Mr. Meadows has information about the January 6th insurrection, and we Americans deserve to find out what he knows about that deadly day.

We are a nation of laws, but far too often, the rich, powerful, and well-connected are let off the hook or given a slap on the wrist. That cannot happen with Mark Meadows, who has openly flouted the rule of law. He must be held to account. If the House votes to advance criminal contempt proceedings against Mr. Meadows, the Department of Justice must fulfill its duty and do whatever is necessary to enforce these charges.

We strongly urge a “yes” vote to advance criminal contempt charges against Mark Meadows for ignoring a congressional subpoena.

Sincerely,



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