

# **Statements from Bustos and Loebssack on Impeachment**

*December 17, 2019*

## **BUSTOS:**

“With both a profound sense of constitutional duty and deep respect for the Office of the Presidency, I will solemnly cast my vote in favor of both articles of impeachment for Senate consideration. No one is above the law, and there is beyond ample evidence that President Trump abused the tremendous powers of the presidency to jeopardize our national security and that of our allies.

As I cast this difficult vote – and as I have demonstrated since first being elected – my priorities are with the people of the Illinois 17<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. I remain committed to working with anyone from any party to continue to deliver for our region, state and country. In the last weeks, we have passed historic victories for Illinoisans, including legislation that will lower the costs of prescription drugs for struggling families and seniors. We have worked with both parties to pass year-end spending bills that will help our veterans and servicemembers, improve rural health care, and strengthen our workforce. Finally, we have worked together with Republicans and the Administration to secure a new trade framework between the United States, Mexico and Canada, which provides stronger labor enforcement for our workers and renewed certainty for our family farmers.”

## **LOEBSACK:**

“This is a somber time not only for Congress, but the nation as a whole. At each stage of this investigation, I have proceeded judiciously and carefully examined the evidence presented to the House. I truly believe it is unfortunate that we are even in this position, but in our system of government no one is above the law, including the President. Going forward, we must not allow the actions of this President to set an example for future office holders that will further erode our democracy. Even with the unprecedented obstruction from the Administration, including the refusal to provide documents and allow witnesses to testify, the facts surrounding these very serious accusations leave little room for interpretation and the case that has been laid out is clear. I did not come to Congress to impeach a president. But to ensure our democracy is not permanently weakened, there is no other option but to support the articles of impeachment that the Judiciary Committee has presented to the full House of Representatives.”