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Honorable Congressman Tom McClintock 2312 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Re: Roseville Town Hall Meeting on February 5, 2017

Dear Congressman McClintock,

My wife and I attended your Town Hall meeting yesterday. It was stunning to witness a committed conservative we have admired for civility and intelligence parroting mostly stock Russ Limbaugh and Fox News alternative facts. You denied climate change, defended repealing restrictions on guns for 75,000 mentally ill and belittled the sincere concern with Trumps authoritarianism.

The audience started off respectful. But in the face of your obliviousness to the deeper fear being expressed about the future of representative democracy, they became frustrated and rude. Thoughtful Republicans repeatedly expressed concerns throughout the primaries and general election about Trumps palpable narcissism, short fuse, and pettiness. Everyone thought or hoped Trump would demonstrate some semblance of rationality once in office. He hasn't.

Of course people are upset that most of the values and programs supported by the largest number of voters in the last election are being dismantled. However, the major worry expressed by multiple speakers was about the mental state of the President and his apparently lack of commitment to listening to anyone but himself. He isn't consulting with Congress or senior Department officials as he makes snap decisions and flies off the handle at anyone who disagrees with him. They were asking you, as a person who extolls the Constitution and our system of checks and balances if you were aware of the concern and were prepared to address it should that become necessary.

You responded like the story of the Emperor with no clothes. You couldn't see it or acknowledge it as a concern. Even children can see the narcissism, the bullying, his detours from matters of state to engage in twitter wars with enemies real and imagined.

President Trump and Bannon have shown contempt for law, for the Constitution and for "so-called" Federal judges. Trump poses a threat to our democracy that you, our representative, should be capable of seeing.

Sincerely,

Jerry and Penny Scribner