

January 7, 2021

Honorable Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell  
The United States District Court for the District of Columbia  
333 Constitution Avenue Northwest  
Washington, District of Columbia 20001

Honorable Judge Howell:

We submit the following application for involuntary admission of Donald J. Trump to a psychiatric facility.

We certify that we have examined Mr. Trump's actions sufficiently enough to understand his clinical state, and are of the opinion that he has symptoms of a mental disorder. Because of that mental disorder he is likely to injure himself or others unless he is immediately detained. Hospitalization is the least restrictive form of treatment available to prevent Mr. Trump from injuring himself or others, or from directing group violence.

For clinical details, please refer to the accompanying paper.

[2 DC-licensed psychiatrists, names available upon request.]

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Dangers have been confirmed, and President Donald J. Trump needs to be evaluated for the least restrictive means of containment. Past violence predicts future violence, and, as health professionals, we have a professional responsibility to protect society. Medical need calls for immediate security measures, as we wait for the 25th Amendment, impeachment, or any other political process. We submit the following application for involuntary admission, as a physician's emergency certification, *unless other measures are immediately implemented*.

We are each licensed psychiatrists who certify that we:

(1) Have examined the said person sufficiently enough to understand his clinical state, immediately and in longer term, as the attached documents attest (these serve not only as documentation of evidence but predictions that have been confirmed over time);

(2) Are of the opinion that the said person has symptoms of a mental illness and, because of the mental illness, is likely to injure himself or others unless he is immediately detained; and

(3) Are of the opinion that hospitalization is the least restrictive form of treatment available to prevent the said person from injuring himself or others.

We base our opinion on the following observations and factual information:

Donald J. Trump is a 74-y.o. Caucasian man with a history of psychiatric symptoms, such as impulsivity, recklessness, lack of empathy, and loose touch with reality, as well as a recent bout of Covid-19, who experienced a devastating loss in November 2020, which is his election defeat as President of the United States. He has since responded to it irrationally by insisting that he was "robbed" and that he actually did not suffer defeat but won by a "landslide," exhibiting signs of disorder in an hour-long phone call three days ago that are consistent with delusions and with strategic, rational thinking. He has been escalating in inciting others to commit acts of violence against the general public and elected officials, and on January 6, 2021, he orchestrated a massive assault on federal property, where members of Congress were ratifying his defeat. He urged and led an attack on that complex that resulted in four deaths and massive property damage. He continues to be a danger to himself and others, as he shares dangerous delusions of grandeur and paranoid ideations with a large proportion

of his following, which he has stoked and inspired. His ability to mount an even larger insurrection and violent upheaval remains, in addition to his retaining full access to nuclear and other weapons and the power to launch an international war. As collateral information, Bloomberg News reported that “Trump walked back and forth between the Oval Office and White House dining room watching the events at the Capitol and was initially pleased by the disturbance, the people said—a reaction that alarmed many of his aides.” He is still uncontrolled at present and requires immediate hospitalization and isolation from communicating with his co-conspirators, for his care as well as for the safety of others and the public.