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Hon. Henry Hyde  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Congressman Hyde:

As House manager for the impeachment proceedings against President Clinton, you subjected the entire country to ceaseless bloviating about the importance of honesty and integrity in government. You loudly espoused the view that lying by the President could not be tolerated, and is grounds for removal from office. In fact, on your web site you state “Hyde still believes today that the House was constitutionally obligated to impeach Clinton for lying...”

There is ample evidence that President George W. Bush has lied not only to the people of the United States, but *directly to the Congress* during the exercise of his Constitutionally mandated State of the Union address. Mr Bush’s lies extend far beyond the evident fabrications to garner support for the unprovoked attack on Iraq, and permeate every act of this administration. Indeed, the Bush administration is characterized by an arrogant mendacity such as I have never seen in my lifetime.

We, the people, rely on the integrity and responsibility of our Representatives to investigate and prosecute such behavior by the President. You and your colleagues were falling all over yourselves in your zealous pursuit of President Clinton for lying about an extra-marital affair. But I haven’t heard a peep from you about the lies of the Bush administration on matters of life and death.

Well, then, I ask you: are you a hyperventilating hypocrite, or merely duplicitously derelict in your duties as an “honorable” member of Congress?

Sincerely,

Robert Harper