

MADISON - The events of the last week have made it clear that the president's recklessness knows no bounds. President Trump has no credibility and his actions are sowing distrust in our institutions, endangering national security, and weakening the U.S. on the world stage. The President still has at least one fan: Speaker Paul Ryan.

At a press conference Wednesday, speaking in the wake of new revelations related to the firing of James Comey, Speaker Paul Ryan defended the President saying "it is obvious - there are some people out there who want to harm the president." As he exited this morning's press conference Ryan confirmed that he still has confidence in the President.

With every passing day, we learn of new grave abuses of power from President Trump. Instead of playing partisan politics, Speaker Ryan should schedule a vote immediately to create an independent outside commission and an independent counsel to conduct full investigations of the Trump-Russia connection.

78 percent of Americans – a truly whopping number – want an independent investigation. Only 15 percent prefer a Congressional investigation.

That's why Democrats in the House are filing a discharge petition to force a vote on H.R. 356, the bipartisan Swalwell-Cummings bill to establish an outside, independent commission to investigate President Trump’s ties to Russia. Speaker Ryan and House Republicans must decide whether they value their oath to the Constitution, or whether they will be accomplices to President Trump’s effort to obstruct justice.

"Speaker Paul Ryan didn't disavow Donald Trump when he attacked a gold star family. Ryan didn't disavow Donald Trump when he was caught on tape bragging about the sexual assault of women. And now, as President Trump reveals himself to be a danger to American security and our Democracy, Ryan still has full confidence in Trump," Democratic Party of Wisconsin spokesman Brandon Weathersby said on Wednesday. "The reality is that there will be no

consequences for any of President Trump’s actions unless Speaker Paul Ryan and Republicans in Congress grow a spine and decide to put their country before their party. Unfortunately, it seems that as long as Ryan has the President's support in kicking 24 million Americans off their health insurance he will not provide the oversight the American people need and deserve to get answers about the President's ties to Russia." 