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### Chaffetz Letter to Utah's 3rd Congressional District

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Dear 3rd District Constituents:

Serving you in the U.S. House of Representatives for nearly nine years has been a rare honor and privilege. When I first ran for Congress in 2008 I promised I would get in, serve, and get out. I told voters I did not believe Congress should be a lifetime career. I knew from day one that my service there would not last forever.

As you know, after careful consideration and long discussion with my wife, Julie, we agree the time has come for us to move on from this part of our life. This week I sent a letter to Governor Herbert indicating my intention to resign from Congress effective June 30, 2017.

My life has undergone some big changes over the last 18 months. Those changes have been good. But as I celebrated my 50th birthday in March, the reality of spending more than 1,500 nights away from my family over eight years hit me harder than it had before.

Julie and I have been married for over 26 years. We have three wonderful children. Two of our children got married over the past 18 months – each having found an amazing spouse. I couldn't be more proud of them. Our oldest son recently graduated from the University of Utah and his wife from BYU. In August, they will move out of state for law school. Our daughter, who attended UVU, married a great young man who found a terrific job two time zones away. Our youngest daughter remains at

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I've slept on a cot in my office largely to save money for the Chaffetz family, but also to remind myself that my service there was temporary. Though the time away and the travel have been a sacrifice, our family has always been united that public service was the right thing to do. We feel my time in congress has been well spent, but it now seems the right time to turn the page.

I have very much enjoyed serving, but never for a moment have I thought that I was indispensable. I know others can and should serve. The House is known as the "People's House" because it is made up of a cross section of ordinary Americans who represent almost every walk of life - as it should be. While remaining true to my principles I have made the effort to "reach across the aisle." I count many Democratic members as my friends. I hope whoever replaces me will do even better.

I would be remiss not to mention the great men and women who have served in my office, both in Washington and here in the District. They have worked hard to serve our constituents and have made me look good too many times to mention. I will miss our association. Their commitment and dedication remind me every day of why this nation will remain the strongest and most free in history.

I recognize that very few people get the opportunity you've given me; I will be forever grateful for the trust and confidence voters placed in me to serve five terms in the U.S. Congress. I have no doubt you will select a great new representative for Utah's 3rd Congressional District. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Best wishes,  
Jason Chaffetz

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**Brad Haymond** · Orem, Utah

Why are you unable to finish the term to which we elected you? Nothing you have mentioned has happened since November. Why did you run for re-election?

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**Shirley Vuille**

He has health problems

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**Kris Kendrick**

Shirley Vuille You mean the foot?

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**Chris Muir** · Williams College

Shirley Vuille Challenge. Chaffetz on FB less than a month ago: "I am healthy."

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**Robert Lafferty** · Fullerton Jr. College

Honorable Representative Chaffetz. I would like to thank you for all efforts to right the wrongs in government. I would refer your record in service to our Constitution as exemplary and an inspiration to all Americans 😊

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**Karen Shepherd** · CPPO (Chief Pixel Procurement Officer) at Big Red University

Robert Lafferty Hahaha good one!

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**Don Maggart** · Packer at Bojangles'

Thank You for your Service and Sacrifice on behalf of the American People You Will be Missed Greatly in the "Peoples House"...MilitantCrip

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**Judy Smith Merrill**

Sad to see you leave. I believe you have done a fantastic job, so I am disappointed at your decision to quit, even for good reasons, before the term for which you campaigned is up. Not only does Utah and the Country lose a great politician, Utahans will lose a lot of money by way of taxes with a special election.

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**Avery McGinn**

Good point, Judy! Why run in November just to leave 7 months later. I don't believe it is about family....At all!

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**Bobbi Clark**

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**Earl Hudson** · Works at Hudson Enterprises

Avery McGinn Maybe he found the suicide note he wrote on July 1st... and figured he needs to take the hint seriously.

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**Robert Ruffin** · Works at Retired

I have no use for Jason Chaffetz! The way he used Taxpayers monies to try to presecuted Mrs Hillary Clinton. Excuse my bluntness, but his A\*\* should have been gone.

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**Brandon Hollingsworth**

Drugs are bad Mr. Ruffin.

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**Lisa Barry**

Well if she didnt do things to be "persecuted" then there would not have been any issues for "Mrs. Hillary Clinton". It was indeed the purview of the members of Congress to ask question and determine if national security matters had been placed in jeapordy. I as a voter demanded answers on that and Benghazi. And you should be demanding answers as well!

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**Susan Gibbs**

Lisa Barry So glad you feel this way! Cause Trump is about to be put under the same magnifying glass. We are demanding answers.

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**Laura Henning** · Works at Ohio Health Heart and Vascular Physician Group

Much respect for you. Good Luck in your future endeavors. Thank you for your service

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**Barbara Scott** · St. John's College, Santa Fe

This may ring true, but it doesn't ring honest. You should have stayed until the Trump nightmare was over.

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**Mary Rinie Champion** · Golden West College

He is part of the trump nightmare. I'm glad he is gone!

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**John Russell** · JFK New Orleans

That would be 8 more years.....and by then the Socialist-Dimo party will be all but dead thank God.

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**Tania Barnes** · The University of Utah

QUITTER!!!

If what you say is true, why did you run for this term?

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**Mark MacDonald**

He thought he could be there to block Hillary. Now, there's a new sheriff in town looking to put ppl in prison for collusion and treasonous acts. This is crystal clear. That whole "family" excuse is just that.

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**Shawn McCauley**

Enjoy drinking milk and 3.5% abv beer back in your home Beehive State, Jason! Gotta get back to all the sister-wives I suppose... Good riddance, you invertebrate!

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**John Russell** · JFK New Orleans

Put your tin foil hat back on that your pills, Trump will be gone in only 8 short years snowflake. Remodel mommies basement in your unemployed entitlement like.....it is coming to a quick end. Thanks to Trump you may even have to WORK!!

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**Kenny Gee**

God Bless You Mr. Chairman, Thank You and your Family for your sacrifices.

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**Alasdair Macleod**

You took an oath in January that you are now walking away from.

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**Bix Aldrich**

Don't let the door hit ya where the Good Lord split ya, you partisan hack. I hope Evan McMullin takes your place.

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He wants to spend more time w his kids(who have moved out of the house).  
A bombshell is going to come out soon.

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**Ethan Rosser** · Graduate Student at UCLA Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Haha seriously!

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**Tom King** · Salt Lake City, Utah

He mentions sleeping on a cot. Maybe the wife found out that he wasn't the only one on the cot in his DC office?

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**Connie Adelsburg**

Tom King Well I wouldn't think he has a respectable job for wife and family to be so proud of right now. But maybe he knows more we will have to wait and see

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**Marvin Williams**

I'm fairly certain that Chaffetz will be pulled into the Trump-Russia scandal and he sees the writing on the wall. Coincidence that he leaves as a new special councilor is announced? We will see him back in the news sooner than later. Enjoy the free time while it lasts

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**Tania Barnes** · The University of Utah

You forgot to mention \$\$\$\$ in your farewell letter.

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**Ethan Rosser** · Graduate Student at UCLA Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

What better way to fully display your lack of spine than to quit before your term is up. Wouldn't expect anything less from Chaffetz.

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**Glenda Hawthorne**

Please hurry up and just leave already! We're tired of looking at your insipid face.

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**Jason Kelly Fullmer** · Guitarist/Composer at Chrome Street

Bye, Felicia!

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**Jean Harrison** · Wellesley College

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FBI got your tongue? What's the real reason for leaving? What are you hiding? Did that ethics investigation scare you? Was there Russia money flowing your direction?

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**Connie Adelsburg**

that makes sense why he would not ask for an investigation

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