Impeach & Remove Trump, Nobody Above the Law rally held in New Brunswick

Alexander Lewis | Bridgewater Courier News
Published 9:19 PM EST Dec 20, 2019

NEW BRUNSWICK - More than 100 activists weathered the cold and gathered outside City Hall Tuesday, the night before the U.S. House of Representatives voted to impeach President Donald Trump.

Activists gathered there as part of the nationwide "Nobody Is Above the Law" rallies, with over 500 actions occurring nationwide in more than 40 states and Washington, D.C.

"We are united under one single purpose: the impeachment and removal of Donald Trump," said Ron Rivers, organizer of the local event.

"We're here tonight because we are resisting the authoritarianism that is creeping into our country," he added.

READ: NJ women expose Trump's employment of undocumented immigrants at Bedminster golf club: report

"We're saying loud and clear that no one is above the law, especially Donald Trump," said Rivers.

The mobilization is part of a massive, grassroots effort to ensure Congress held Trump accountable for using military aid to pressure Ukraine to interfere in our 2020 elections. Protesters demanded the House of Representatives fulfilled its constitutional duty by impeaching Trump and that the Senate remove him from office for attempting to rig the 2020 elections. They wanted Congress to show that no one is above the law.

RU Progressive and Ron Rivers held a "Nobody Is Above the Law" rally in New Brunswick to support impeaching Donald Trump.
Alexander Lewis / Staff photo

The rally began with a musical performance by The Solidarity Singers of the New Jersey State Industrial Union Council. The crowd sang along with the singers, whose songs spoofed classic Christmas carols with an anti-Trump twist and other popular songs like: "Piggish Wonderland," "Soon and Very Soon," "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious," "Get Trump Out" (Jingle Bells), "Donnie The Conman" (Frosty The Snowman), "We Wish You a Good Impeachment." The crowd also sang "This Land Is Your Land."

Slogans like "Keep The Republic," "Buh-bye, Donny," "Impeach and Remove Trump" and "Never Again Is Now" adorned the many signs made by attendees.

The crowd shouted chants like "When democracy is under attack, what do we do? Stand up, fight back!" "Nobody is above the law!" "Hey, hey, ho, ho! Donald Trump has got to go!" and "Who broke the law? Donald Trump!"

"We need to be that voice of reason and hold our elected officials accountable," said Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz.

Speakers at the rally included: members of RU Progressive, Neeharika Thuravil, president, Ariel Piña, treasurer, and Miguel Ribau, member; Ron Rivers, former State Assembly candidate and organizer of the event, Wilda Diaz, mayor of Perth Amboy, Staci Berger, member of the Piscataway Progressive Democratic Organization, Russ Cirincione, lawyer and candidate for New Jersey's 6th District, Junior Romero, lead organizer at Food & Watch, Christine Clarke, former State Assembly candidate LD26, Rachel Green, civil rights director at Action Together NJ, Imani Oakley, legislative director at Working Families Party NJ and Lawrence Hamm from People's Organization for Progress.

"The President of the United States is supposed to earn the public trust by being the best among us, a public servant, a beacon of hope and a representative of our shared values as Americans," said Christine Clarke, former State Assembly candidate.

"Are the conducts and the policies of this administration what we want for our children to learn America stands for?" she continued.

"If I could, I would go to D.C. and do a citizens arrest and lock him up myself," said Lawrence Hamm from People's Organization for Progress.

RU Progressive and Ron Rivers held a "Nobody Is Above the Law" rally in New Brunswick to support impeaching Donald Trump.
Alexander Lewis / Staff photo

"(Senate Majority Leader Mitch) McConnell, R-Ky. has already said he is going to work in close coordination with the White House," said Hamm. "This would be like a murderer and a prosecutor working together."

"I remember the impeachment of Nixon (and) one of the articles of impeachment was for lying to the American people," said Hamm. "We got the father of lies in the White House."

"Those senators who don't vote to remove Trump, they are complicit in his criminality," said Hamm. "We will remember in November."

Those interested in engaging with the activists can use #NotAboveTheLaw on social media. Information about other events can be found at Impeach.org or by texting RESIST to 69866.

Alexander Lewis has been a reporter for one year, covering breaking news, human interest, technology, education, business, local events and politics. Previously, he covered a range of topics for the Middlesex County College Newspaper, Quo Vadis, for which he won several awards. He currently attends Rutgers University, majoring in Journalism and Media Studies. Contact him at 732-991-9567; alewis@gannett.com; @alexlewismedia; alexlewismedia.com.

Published 9:19 PM EST Dec 20, 2019