

US Politicians and Presidential Candidates Oppose Julian Assange's Indictment

Senator Bernie Sanders¹

“Let me be clear: it is a disturbing attack on the First Amendment for the Trump administration to decide who is or is not a reporter for the purposes of a criminal prosecution. Donald Trump must obey the Constitution, which protects the publication of news about our government.”

Senator Elizabeth Warren²

“Trump should not be using this case as a pretext to wage war on the First Amendment and go after the free press who hold the powerful accountable everyday.”

Senator Ron Wyden³

“This is not about Julian Assange. This is about the use of the Espionage Act to charge a recipient and publisher of classified information. I am extremely concerned about the precedent this may set and potential dangers to the work of journalists and the First Amendment.”

Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard⁴

“Charging Assange under the Espionage Act will have a srs chilling effect on our most fundamental rights of freedom of speech & freedom of the press. Every American— certainly every journalist—must strongly condemn this anti-democratic act by the Trump Admin.”

¹ <https://twitter.com/SenSanders/status/1132021213717512193>

² <https://theintercept.com/2019/05/24/julian-assange-extradition-espionage-congress/>

³ <https://www.wyden.senate.gov/news/press-releases/wyden-statement-on-the-use-of-the-espionage-act-in-indictment-of-julian-assange-potential-threats-to-first-amendment>

⁴ <https://twitter.com/TulsiGabbard/status/1132026399605362691>