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DES MOINES — Today Iowa State Senator Zach Wahls called on Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth to resign following his reckless mishandling of military plans. Senator Wahls also criticized Senator Joni Ernst's role in confirming Hegseth's nomination despite widespread concern.

"Pete Hegseth is dangerously unqualified and must resign immediately. His recklessness and disregard for federal law threatens national security and endangers our military personnel," said Wahls.

"Senator Ernst herself expressed serious doubts about Hegseth's qualifications before yielding to political pressure. This is exactly what Washington does to politicians like Senator Ernst who care more about their status than serving their country."

"Senator Ernst cast the deciding vote for Hegseth despite widespread warnings and her own misgivings about his unfitness for this critical position. Her decision has had immediate negative consequences for America's security. If Secretary Hegseth refuses to do the honorable thing and resign, Senator Ernst should acknowledge her mistake and join my call for his resignation."

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