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Impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHERMAN (for himself and Mr. AL GREEN of Texas) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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# RESOLUTION

Impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

1       *Resolved*, That Donald John Trump, President of the  
2 United States, is impeached for high crimes and mis-  
3 demeanors and that the following article of impeachment  
4 be exhibited to the United States Senate:

5       Article of impeachment exhibited by the House of  
6 Representatives of the United States of America in the  
7 name of itself and of the people of the United States of  
8 America, against Donald John Trump, President of the  
9 United States of America, in maintenance and support of

1 its impeachment against him for high crimes and mis-  
2 demeanors.

3 ARTICLE I

4 In his conduct while President of the United States,  
5 Donald John Trump, in violation of his constitutional oath  
6 faithfully to execute the office of President of the United  
7 States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect,  
8 and defend the Constitution of the United States, and in  
9 violation of his constitutional duty to take care that the  
10 laws be faithfully executed, has prevented, obstructed and  
11 impeded the administration of justice during a Federal in-  
12 vestigation in that:

13 Knowing that Federal law enforcement authorities  
14 were investigating possible criminal law violations of his  
15 former National Security Advisor, General Michael Flynn  
16 and knowing that Federal law enforcement authorities  
17 were conducting one or more investigations into Russian  
18 state interference in the 2016 campaign for President of  
19 the United States, and that such investigation(s) included  
20 the conduct of his campaign personnel and associates act-  
21 ing on behalf of the campaign, to include the possible col-  
22 lusion by those individuals with the Russian government,  
23 Donald John Trump sought to use his authority to hinder  
24 and cause the termination of such investigation(s) includ-  
25 ing through threatening, and then terminating, James

1   Comey, who was until such termination the Director of  
2   the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

3           The pattern of behavior leading to the conclusion that  
4   he sought to cause the hindrance or termination of said  
5   investigation(s) include the following:

6           (1) Requesting that the Director of the Federal  
7   Bureau of Investigation curtail the investigation of  
8   the activities of General Michael Flynn under cir-  
9   cumstances wherein it appeared that Director  
10   Comey might be terminated if he failed to adhere to  
11   such request.

12           (2) Making a determination to terminate the  
13   Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and  
14   only thereafter requesting that the Deputy Attorney  
15   General provide him with a memorandum detailing  
16   inadequacies in the Director's performance of his  
17   duties.

18           (3) Despite offering differing rationales for the  
19   termination of the Director of the Federal Bureau of  
20   Investigation, admitted subsequently that the main  
21   reason for the termination was that the Director  
22   would not close or alter the investigation of matters  
23   related to the involvement of Russia in the 2016  
24   campaign for President of the United States.

1           (4) Stated that, once he had terminated the Di-  
2           rector of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the  
3           pressure of said investigation had been significantly  
4           reduced.

5           In all of this, Donald John Trump has acted in a  
6           manner contrary to his trust as President and subversive  
7           of constitutional government, to the great prejudice of the  
8           cause of law and justice and to the manifest injury of the  
9           people of the United States.

10          Wherefore, Donald John Trump, by such conduct,  
11          warrants impeachment and trial, and removal from office.

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