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Impeaching Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States, for endangering, compromising, and undermining the energy security of the United States by selling oil from the United States' Strategic Petroleum Reserve to foreign nations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. GREENE of Georgia submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved*, That Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr., Presi-
2 dent of the United States, is impeached for endangering,
3 compromising, and undermining the energy security of the
4 United States by selling oil from the United States' Stra-
5 tegic Petroleum Reserve to foreign nations, and that the
6 following Articles of Impeachment be exhibited to the
7 United States Senate:

1 President Biden’s decision to liquidate the United
2 States Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) demonstrates
3 his administration is more concerned with enriching other
4 nations than protecting United States citizens at home,
5 even when those nations do not need United States’ oil
6 to survive.

7 According to Reuters News on July 5, 2022, “more
8 than 5 million barrels of oil that were part of a historic
9 U.S. emergency reserves release. . .were exported to Eu-
10 rope and Asia last month, according to data and sources,
11 even as U.S. gasoline and diesel prices hit record highs”.

12 Reuters further reported that “cargoes of SPR crude
13 oil were also headed to the Netherlands and to a Reliance
14 refinery in India, an industry source said. A third cargo
15 headed to China, another source said. . .the latest exports
16 follow three vessels that carried SPR crude oil to Europe
17 in April helping replace Russian crude oil supplies”.

18 India and China do not need oil from the United
19 States since both Asian nations import oil from Russia.
20 In fact, Business Standard reported that India’s oil im-
21 ports from Russia jumped “over 50 times since April
22 [2022]”. Reuters relayed that China’s imports of Russian
23 oil from May 2022 set a record, surpassing Saudi Arabia
24 as the top oil exporter to China.

1 India spent \$5,000,000,000 on Russian oil in the
2 first part of 2022, a five-fold increase from their pur-
3 chases of oil from 2021.

4 According to Bloomberg, China spent
5 \$19,000,000,000 on Russian oil, gas, and coal in the first
6 part of 2022, double the amount they spent on the same
7 resources over the same period in 2021.

8 While citizens of the United States are facing ex-
9 tremes price increases for food and fuel under Biden's pres-
10 idency, his administration is selling the United States'
11 emergency fuel supply to China and other nations.

12 ARTICLE II

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14 President Biden's decision to liquidate the SPR re-
15 veals his plan to endanger the security of the United
16 States, both economically and politically, while empow-
17 ering adversaries to do grave harm to us and our allies.

18 Congress authorized the creation of the SPR in 1975
19 under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

20 By December 1994, the SPR had been filled to
21 591,700,000 barrels.

22 In mid-November of 2001, President George W. Bush
23 ordered the SPR filled to 700,000,000 barrels.

24 The SPR was filled to its then 727-million-barrel au-
25 thorized storage capacity on December 27, 2009; the in-

1 ventory of 726,600,000 barrels was the highest ever held
2 in the SPR.

3 The SPR's current authorized storage capacity is
4 714,000,000 barrels of crude oil.

5 When President Joe Biden entered office, the SPR
6 contained 638,000,000 barrels of crude oil. In 2021, the
7 United States consumed an average of 19,780,000 barrels
8 of petroleum per day, a total of 7,220,000,000 barrels of
9 petroleum.

10 In 2021, 134,830,000,000 gallons of finished motor
11 gasoline was consumed in the United States, an average
12 of about 369,000,000 gallons per day.

13 In 2021, diesel fuel consumption by the United States
14 transportation sector was 46,820,000,000 gallons, an av-
15 erage of about 128,000,000 gallons per day.

16 President Biden announced on March 31, 2022, that
17 his administration would begin releasing at least
18 1,000,000 barrels of oil from the SPR on a daily basis,
19 with a target total of more than 180,000,000 barrels of
20 oil.

21 The national average price of unleaded gasoline and
22 diesel fuel in June 2022, was \$5, an all-time high.

23 The SPR currently holds 427,200,000 barrels of
24 crude oil as of September 16, 2022. This is after Reuters

1 reported in August that the SPR “fell to the lowest level
2 since 1984”.

3 No President in the history of the United States has
4 ordered a liquidation of the SPR of this scale. Even in
5 1991, during the Gulf war, the United States liquidated
6 only 17,000,000 barrels of crude oil from the SPR to pro-
7 vide further stability to the global crude oil market. Fol-
8 lowing Hurricane Katrina, the United States released
9 some 20,000,000 barrels of crude oil to the United States
10 domestic market following the destruction of major oil re-
11 fineries in the gulf coast region.

12 In 2021, the Department of Energy sold crude oil
13 from the SPR to a foreign government for the first time.

14 President Biden is emptying the SPR of medium-sour
15 crude oil, which is a crucial type of oil that domestic refin-
16 ers process into gasoline. The Department of Energy re-
17 leased 4,600,000 barrels of medium-sour crude oil in late
18 July. This decision could cause oil prices to skyrocket in
19 the long-term as refineries seek to re-acquire more easily
20 processed crude.

21 President Biden’s decision to liquidate this enormous
22 amount of crude oil from the SPR has put the United
23 States in unprecedented danger by reducing its essential
24 supply of natural resources in the event of a natural dis-
25 aster, global supply chain crisis, or war.

1 President Biden's decision to deplete the SPR is un-
2 necessary, since the United States had already materially
3 demonstrated that it was energy-independent and fully ca-
4 pable of producing sufficient amounts of crude oil domesti-
5 cally under the Trump administration.

6 These actions demonstrate a concerted effort to de-
7 prive the United States of its energy stability and security
8 while providing other nations with essential goods and
9 services.

10 President Biden's decision to ban United States im-
11 ports of Russian oil has provided Russia with more rea-
12 sons to sell oil to India and China, increasing the economic
13 ties between those nations and empowering the strength
14 of the Russian ruble as the United States dollar declines.

15 Russia has amassed \$13,000,000,000 in additional
16 oil revenue from India and China in 2022, compared to
17 the same period in 2021.

18 President Biden's decision to send crude oil from the
19 SPR to China is a blatantly strategic sabotage against the
20 United States, a move which will only serve to assist Chi-
21 na's ascendancy to displace the United States as the global
22 economic and military hegemon.

23 China is likely to use the oil received from the SPR
24 to empower its military to invade Taiwan at a future date.

1 (6) fuel oil for residential homes by 76.4-per-
2 cent;

3 (7) utility gas prices by 31.3-percent;

4 (8) gasoline, per gallon, by 43.4-percent; and

5 (9) diesel fuel, per gallon, by 69.6-percent.

6 President Biden canceled the continued construction
7 of the Keystone XL Pipeline and plans to block all new
8 drilling in the Atlantic and Pacific ocean regions within
9 United States waters.

10 The Biden administration has canceled Federal land
11 and offshore leasing permits, increased regulation and
12 proposed taxes, depleted the strategic oil reserves, and
13 turned to foreign oil production, doing everything in its
14 power to hamper domestic oil production.

15 President Biden recently took a trip to Saudi Arabia
16 where he continues to encourage members of the Organi-
17 zation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries to expand
18 output rather than promoting energy independence domes-
19 tically.

20 The United States energy sector has repeatedly
21 reached out to President Biden to show him the potential
22 of United States energy production sites, with no reply
23 from the White House.

1 President Biden’s decision to ignore United States
2 domestic energy producers is a clear sign of his apathy
3 towards the very people he is sworn to protect.

4 Wherefore President Biden, by such conduct, has
5 demonstrated that he will remain a threat to the United
6 States’ national and energy security if allowed to remain
7 in office, and has acted in a manner grossly incompatible
8 with self-governance and the rule of law.

9 President Biden thus warrants impeachment and
10 trial, removal from office, and disqualification to hold and
11 enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United
12 States.

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