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Impeaching Matthew M. Graves, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, for endangering, compromising, and undermining the justice system of the United States by facilitating the explosion of violent crime in the Nation's capital.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

Impeaching Matthew M. Graves, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, for endangering, compromising, and undermining the justice system of the United States by facilitating the explosion of violent crime in the Nation's capital.

- 1 *Resolved*, That Matthew M. Graves, United States At-
- 2 torney for the District of Columbia, is impeached for en-
- 3 dangering, compromising, and undermining the justice
- 4 system of the United States by facilitating the explosion
- 5 of violent crime in the Nation's capital, and that the fol-
- 6 lowing articles of impeachment be exhibited to the United
- 7 States Senate:

1 Articles of impeachment exhibited by the House of
2 Representatives of the United States of America in the
3 name of itself and of the people of the United States of
4 America, against Matthew M. Graves, United States At-
5 torney for the District of Columbia, in maintenance and
6 support of its impeachment against him for endangering,
7 compromising, and undermining the justice system of the
8 United States by facilitating the explosion of violent crime
9 in the Nation's capital.

10 The Constitution provides that the House of Rep-
11 resentatives “shall have the sole Power of Impeachment”
12 and that a United States Attorney, as a civil officer of
13 the United States, “shall be removed from Office on Im-
14 peachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or
15 other high Crimes and Misdemeanors”.

16 In his conduct as United States Attorney for the Dis-
17 trict of Columbia, in violation of his constitutional oath
18 faithfully to execute the office of United States Attorney
19 for the District of Columbia, and, to the best of his ability,
20 preserve, protect, and defend, the Constitution of the
21 United States, Matthew M. Graves continues to materially
22 endanger the justice system of the United States and em-
23 power violent criminals to terrorize Washington, DC.

ARTICLE I

Rather than adhering to an oath he took to defend
and secure our country and uphold the Constitution when

1 he was sworn in as United States Attorney for the District
2 of Columbia, Matthew M. Graves has declined to prosecute
3 approximately 67 percent of people arrested by police offi-
4 cers in 2022, almost doubling the declination rate within
5 the last seven years.

6 Matthew M. Graves has failed to uphold his oath and
7 has instead overseen a denigration of the principles of our
8 justice system by allowing the District of Columbia to be
9 on pace to set records for crime.

10 According to police data, crime is up 23 percent on
11 U.S. Attorney Graves's watch. Homicides are up 30 per-
12 cent. Murders in Washington, DC, exceeded 200 in 2021
13 and 2022 for the first time since 2003.

14 Instead of preventing prosecuting these crimes,
15 Graves's office has hired more attorneys solely to pros-
16 ecute more than 1,000 individuals who have been arrested
17 for political protest or touring the U.S. Capitol. United
18 States Attorney Graves has perversely and unconstitution-
19 ally sought lengthy pretrial detention for dozens these po-
20 litical opponents, including individuals not accused of com-
21 mitting any violence. In doing so, Graves is systematically
22 criminalizing political dissent.

23 Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco admitted that
24 the Department of Justice has pulled prosecutors from

1 cases around the country in order to prosecute such cases
2 in Washington, DC, instead of serious crime.

3 Matthew M. Graves has engaged in abuse of power
4 by becoming a tool of the Biden regime's pro-crime, anti-
5 democracy agenda.

6 ARTICLE II

7 Matthew M. Graves, in his inability to enforce the
8 law, has engaged in a pattern of conduct that is incompat-
9 ible with his duties as a civil officer of the United States.

10 Matthew M. Graves, in his failure to uphold the oath
11 he took, has, by his actions, lost the trust of citizens of
12 the United States to faithfully execute the laws of the
13 United States.

14 Matthew M. Graves, by such conduct, has dem-
15 onstrated that he will remain a threat to the justice system
16 of the United States of America if allowed to remain in
17 office, and has acted in a manner grossly incompatible
18 with self-governance and the rule of law.

19 Wherefore, Matthew M. Graves, thus warrants im-
20 peachment and trial, removal from office, and disqualifica-
21 tion to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit
22 under the United States.

