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

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Mr. Thanedar (for himself, Mr. Mfume, Mr. Nadler, and Ms. Kelly of Illinois) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 articles of impeachment
- 4 be exhibited to the 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: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, VIOLATION OF
- 4 DUE PROCESS, AND A BREACH OF THE DUTY TO
- 5 FAITHFULLY EXECUTE LAWS

- 7 The Constitution provides that the House of Rep-
- 8 resentatives "shall have the sole Power of Impeachment"
- 9 and that the President "shall be removed from Office on
- 10 Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or
- 11 other high Crimes and Misdemeanors". Further, Article
- 12 II of the Constitution states that the President "shall take
- 13 Care that the Laws be faithfully executed", the Fourth
- 14 Amendment of the Constitution states that "The right of
- 15 the people . . . against unreasonable searches and sei-
- 16 zures, shall not be violated", and the Fifth Amendment
- 17 of the Constitution states "No person shall be . . . de-
- 18 prived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of
- 19 law". In his conduct of the office of President of the
- 20 United States—and in violation of his constitutional oath
- 21 to faithfully to execute the office of President of the
- 22 United States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, pro-
- 23 tect, and defend the Constitution of the United States,
- 24 and in violation of his constitutional duty to take care that
- 25 the laws be faithfully executed—Donald John Trump has

- 1 abused the powers of the Presidency in a manner offensive
- 2 to, and subversive of, the Constitution, in that:
- 3 Using the power of his high office, Donald John
- 4 Trump has engaged in this scheme or course of conduct
- 5 through the following means:

- 6 (1) By his orders and directions to subordi7 nates, obstructed the administration of justice and
 8 embarked on a scheme to destroy and corrupt the
 9 legal system and the powers of the courts under Ar10 ticle III of the Constitution. Specifically, he has done
 11 the following:
 - (A) Directed and permitted his subordinates and attorneys at the Department of Justice to violate their oaths to uphold the Constitution, laws of the United States, and the rules of professional ethics by adducing misleading and willfully false representations to the courts of the United States, and to otherwise abuse their official powers. Specifically, he has—
 - (i) sought to dismiss, without prejudice and under false pretenses, the bribery and fraud charges against New York City Mayor Eric Adams, in an unethical quid pro quo exchange for the Defendant's co-

1	operation with the Administration's polit-
2	ical priorities, thus abusing the criminal
3	laws to unconstitutionally commandeer a
4	State officer and unit of government in
5	violation of the sovereignty thereof; and
6	(ii) terminated and purged career De-
7	partment of Justice attorneys without rea-
8	sonable cause and in violation of the law in
9	retaliation for their legitimate investigatory
10	and prosecutorial work under prior admin-
11	istrations, including in relation to the Jan-
12	uary 6, 2021, attack on the United States
13	Capitol, and in retaliation for attorneys
14	upholding their ethical and legal obliga-
15	tions including candor and honesty to the
16	courts.
17	(B) Directed and permitted the evasion
18	and defiance of binding court orders. Specifi-
19	cally, he has—
20	(i) removed persons from the United
21	States to El Salvador despite an order
22	from the United States District Court for
23	the District of Columbia, for which said
24	Court has found probable cause that the

1	Government committed acts of criminal
2	contempt;
3	(ii) removed Kilmar Armando Abrego
4	Garcia from the United States to El Sal-
5	vador despite a binding Withholding of Re-
6	moval order prohibiting the government
7	from removing him to El Salvador;
8	(iii) defied court orders, upheld by a
9	unanimous ruling of the Supreme Court, to
10	facilitate the release of Mr. Abrego Garcia,
11	and related orders to provide information
12	to the court and opposing counsel, while
13	publicly flaunting their refusal;
14	(iv) acted in contempt of court for vio-
15	lating a court-sanctioned settlement agree-
16	ment; and
17	(v) conducted enforced disappearances
18	of persons without due process and without
19	disclosing their fate and location to their
20	families and legal counsel, in violation of
21	the Constitution and the rulings of the Su-
22	preme Court, as well as the foundational
23	principles of due process and the rule of
24	law.

1	(C) Directed and permitted the deliberate
2	and systematic violation of laws duly enacted by
3	Congress. Specifically, he has—
4	(i) terminated Inspector Generals, the
5	officers responsible for detecting and pre-
6	venting waste by auditing and inves-
7	tigating their respective agencies' oper-
8	ations and personnel, in violation of the
9	process stipulated by the Inspector Gen-
10	erals Act of 1974, as subsequently amend-
11	ed;
12	(ii) terminated a member of the Merit
13	Systems Protection Board, a tribunal cre-
14	ated to address widespread public concerns
15	about the Federal civil service; and
16	(iii) unlawfully transmitted sensitive
17	personal information of private citizens
18	and government employees in violation of,
19	among other Federal laws, the Privacy Act
20	and the Administrative Procedure Act.
21	In all of this, Donald John Trump has willfully dis-
22	regarded Federal laws and the Constitution, imperiled a
23	coequal branch of Government, and threatened the integ-
24	rity of the democratic system. He thereby betrayed his
25	trust as President, abused the powers of the Presidency,

- 1 acted in a manner grossly incompatible with self-govern-
- 2 ance and the rule of law, and has committed the High
- 3 Crimes and Misdemeanors of obstruction of justice and
- 4 effecting a wide-ranging scheme to destroy and corrupt
- 5 the legal system and the powers of the courts under Article
- 6 III of the Constitution.
- Wherefore, Donald John Trump, by such conduct,
- 8 has demonstrated that he is unfit to govern a Nation by
- 9 and for the people, has acted in a manner grossly incom-
- 10 patible with self-governance and the rule of law, and will
- 11 remain a threat to the Constitution if allowed to remain
- 12 in office.
- 13 ARTICLE II: USURPATION OF THE APPROPRIATIONS
- 14 POWER

- The Constitution provides that the House of Rep-
- 17 resentatives "shall have the sole Power of Impeachment"
- 18 and that the President "shall be removed from Office on
- 19 Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or
- 20 other high Crimes and Misdemeanors". Further, Section
- 21 9 of Article I of the Constitution states that "No money
- 22 shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of
- 23 Appropriations made by Law". In his conduct of the office
- 24 of President of the United States—and in violation of his
- 25 constitutional oath to faithfully to execute the office of
- 26 President of the United States and, to the best of his abil-

- 1 ity, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the
- 2 United States, and in violation of his constitutional duty
- 3 to take care that the laws be faithfully executed—Donald
- 4 John Trump has abused the powers of the Presidency in
- 5 a manner offensive to, and subversive of, the Constitution,
- 6 in that:
- 7 Using the powers of his high office, Donald John
- 8 Trump unlawfully usurped Congress and its power to ap-
- 9 propriate funds, thereby nullifying the Appropriations
- 10 Clause in the Constitution and violating the Impoundment
- 11 Control Act of 1974. Since taking office, he has signed
- 12 numerous Executive Orders directing agencies to withhold
- 13 funds appropriated by Congress. The President does not
- 14 have the power to override spending laws or impound ap-
- 15 propriated funds, a principle affirmed by numerous Su-
- 16 preme Court rulings.
- 17 Donald John Trump has withheld funds and termi-
- 18 nated en masse Federal employees and numerous Federal
- 19 agencies and departments, including the following:
- 20 (1) Directed the dismantling of the Department
- of Education. As enacted in the Department of Edu-
- cation Organization Act, signed into law by Presi-
- dent Jimmy Carter, the Department of Education
- 24 was established by Congress to create reform in the
- education system throughout the country, distribute

- Federal aid to students and places of learning, and prohibit discriminatory practices. The President does not have the authority to dismantle the Department of Education, and his signing of Executive Order 14242, which aims to "Improving Education Outcomes by Empowering Parents, States, and Communities", violates the law and the Constitution.
 - (2) Unlawfully directed the elimination of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). As enacted in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, signed into law by President John F. Kennedy, USAID plays a crucial role in delivering foreign assistance worldwide, including disaster relief, conflict relief, combating global diseases, promoting educational programs, and enhancing food security in developing countries. By dismantling USAID and freezing foreign assistance, he has severed the United States from its humanitarian role as directed by Congress, leaving other countries and potentially our adversaries to fill in the role the United States has abandoned.
 - (3) Created the so-called "Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)", which has imposed payment holds and rescinded funds after disbursement. Donald John Trump has utilized DOGE to

- 1 unlawfully block or impound appropriated funds to
- dozens of Federal agencies, including the National
- 3 Institutes of Health, the Federal Aviation Adminis-
- 4 tration, and the Department of Veterans Affairs. By
- 5 impounding congressionally appropriated funds,
- 6 Donald John Trump and DOGE have not only vio-
- 7 lated the law, but have negatively impacted the
- 8 American people by cutting jobs, halting critical
- 9 services, and rescinding grants for programs, in defi-
- ance of the express, constitutionally binding will of
- 11 Congress.
- 12 Using the powers of his high office, Donald John
- 13 Trump has unlawfully withheld congressionally appro-
- 14 priated funds and attempted to dismantle congressionally
- 15 mandated agencies. By withholding funds and crippling
- 16 agencies, he has prevented the Federal Government from
- 17 performing critical duties here and abroad. He has threat-
- 18 ened the well-being of United States citizens through the
- 19 gross misconduct of his office, resulting in dire and life-
- 20 threatening consequences on the world's most vulnerable
- 21 populations.
- Wherefore, Donald John Trump, by such conduct,
- 23 has demonstrated that he is unfit to govern a Nation by
- 24 and for the people, has acted in a manner grossly incom-
- 25 patible with self-governance and the rule of law, and will

1	remain a threat to the Constitution if allowed to remain
2	in office.
3	ARTICLE III: ABUSE OF TRADE POWERS AND
4	INTERNATIONAL AGGRESSION
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6	The Constitution provides that the House of Rep-
7	resentatives "shall have the sole Power of Impeachment"
8	and that the President "shall be removed from Office or
9	Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or
10	other high Crimes and Misdemeanors". Further, Section
11	8 of Article I of the Constitution states, "Congress shall
12	have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and
13	Excises, but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall
14	be uniform throughout the United States". In his conduct
15	of the office of President of the United States—and in
16	violation of his constitutional oath to faithfully to execute
17	the office of President of the United States and, to the
18	best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Con-
19	stitution of the United States, and in violation of his con-
20	stitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully
21	executed—Donald John Trump has abused the powers of
22	the Presidency in a manner offensive to, and subversive
23	of, the Constitution, in that:
24	Using the powers of his high office, Donald John
25	Trump abused trade powers by imposing unjustifiable and
26	unreasonable tariffs on foreign nations, causing a sharp

- 1 decline in the United States economy and the economies
- 2 of countries around the world, and declaring the false ex-
- 3 istence of a national security emergency to justify his ac-
- 4 tions. Donald John Trump's tariffs contradicted trade
- 5 agreements established by his Administration and other
- 6 administrations, including the duly ratified and binding
- 7 treaty obligations of the United States, thereby breaking
- 8 international laws and norms, leading to countries around
- 9 the world to enact damaging tariffs on goods and services
- 10 originating from the United States. His "Liberation Day"
- 11 scheme, which imposed 10 percent tariffs on all countries,
- 12 as well as additional tariffs based on a formula for "reci-
- 13 procity" widely mocked as nonsensical, led to the most sig-
- 14 nificant drop in the financial markets since the 2020 crash
- 15 triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 16 Additionally, Donald John Trump has threatened for-
- 17 eign nations with invasion, the annexation of territory,
- 18 and the occupation of sovereign territory through the use
- 19 of military action. By doing this, he has implicated the
- 20 United States and himself in violation of constitutionally
- 21 binding treaty obligations, to include the North Atlantic
- 22 Treaty of 1949, the General Treaty for Renunciation of
- 23 War as an Instrument of National Policy of 1928, the
- 24 Charter of the United Nations of 1945, and the Inter-

- 1 American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance of 1947. Don-
- 2 ald John Trump threatened the following:
- 3 (1) Annexation of the sovereign country of Can-
- 4 ada. Donald John Trump has negatively impacted
- 5 the deep and historic relationship between the
- 6 United States and Canada by stating numerous
- 7 times that Canada should become the 51st State,
- 8 under the threat of both economic coercion and mili-
- 9 tary force.
- 10 (2) Unlawful and aggressive military action
- 11 within Mexico, to include drone strikes and the use
- of special operations military personnel, ostensibly
- against drug cartels, in violation of the sovereignty
- and territorial integrity of that country and without
- any congressional authorization to use military force.
- 16 (3) Annexation of Greenland, an autonomous
- territory in the Kingdom of Denmark. Donald John
- Trump has continued to use hostile language aimed
- at taking control of Greenland, stating that the
- United States will "go as far as we have to go" to
- obtain control of Greenland. He has refused to rule
- out military action to gain control of the territory,
- in violation of international law and despite Den-
- 24 mark's longstanding alliance and friendly relations
- with the United States.

- 1 (4) Annexation of the Panama Canal, owned 2 and controlled by Panama. During a joint session 3 speech to Congress, Donald John Trump stated that 4 his Administration "will be reclaiming the Panama 5 Canal". He has refused to rule out military or eco-6 nomic action against the sovereign country.
- 7 (5) Annexation of the Gaza Strip, involving the 8 forced resettlement of the Palestinian population to 9 the surrounding countries. Donald John Trump has stated that the United States "will take over the 10 11 Gaza Strip" and "own it". His proposal of taking 12 over the Gaza Strip and the expulsion of its popu-13 lation violates international law, including the Con-14 vention on the Prevention and Punishment of the 15 Crime of Genocide, would be unconstitutional absent 16 the approval of the United States Congress, and is 17 profoundly unserious in light of the grave humani-18 tarian situation and ongoing armed conflict in Gaza. 19 Using the powers of his high office, Donald John 20 Trump has unlawfully conducted himself, bringing shame 21 and embarrassment to the office of the Presidency and the people of the United States. He has betrayed the trust 22 23 of the Nation to conduct meaningful diplomatic negotiations as its chief diplomat and failed to maintain peaceful economic and defense relations with foreign countries. He

- 1 has threatened the security of the United States through
- 2 gross misconduct of his office, prompting hostilities to-
- 3 wards Americans here and abroad, as well as foreign na-
- 4 tions warning their citizens against visiting the United
- 5 States, further harming the Nation's economy.
- 6 Wherefore, Donald John Trump, by such conduct,
- 7 has demonstrated that he is unfit to govern a Nation by
- 8 and for the people, has acted in a manner grossly incom-
- 9 patible with self-governance and the rule of law, and will
- 10 remain a threat to the Constitution if allowed to remain
- 11 in office.
- 12 ARTICLE IV: VIOLATION OF FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS

- 14 The Constitution provides that the House of Rep-
- 15 resentatives "shall have the sole Power of Impeachment"
- 16 and that the President "shall be removed from Office on
- 17 Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or
- 18 other high Crimes and Misdemeanors". Further, the First
- 19 Amendment of the Constitution states "Congress shall
- 20 make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or
- 21 prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the free-
- 22 dom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people
- 23 peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for
- 24 a redress of grievances". In his conduct of the office of
- 25 President of the United States—and in violation of his
- 26 constitutional oath to faithfully to execute the office of

- 1 President of the United States and, to the best of his abil-
- 2 ity, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the
- 3 United States, and in violation of his constitutional duty
- 4 to take care that the laws be faithfully executed—Donald
- 5 John Trump has abused the powers of the Presidency in
- 6 a manner offensive to, and subversive of, the Constitution,
- 7 in that:
- 8 By his orders and directions to subordinates, retali-
- 9 ated against law firms and attorneys who have advised or
- 10 represented, or been associated with those who advise or
- 11 represent, litigants who displease him, in violation of the
- 12 Constitution's prohibition on retaliation against individ-
- 13 uals for engaging in First Amendment-protected conduct,
- 14 including the right to petition the government for redress
- 15 of grievances. Specifically, he has, barred attorneys at cer-
- 16 tain law firms from access to Federal buildings, arbitrarily
- 17 revoked security clearances without a reasonable basis,
- 18 threatened to cancel Federal contracts with any entity en-
- 19 gaging the targeted attorneys and firms, and demanded
- 20 pro bono services from law firms in exchange for the dis-
- 21 continuation of the punitive Executive orders.
- Additionally, Donald John Trump has engaged in a
- 23 pattern of unconstitutional, unlawful, and corrupt retalia-
- 24 tion against critics and political opponents, a flagrant vio-
- 25 lation of constitutional rights protected by the First

- 1 Amendment. He has weaponized the Department of Jus-
- 2 tice and other agencies to engage in spurious investiga-
- 3 tions and harassment, with no basis in law, of public fig-
- 4 ures and his perceived political enemies.
- 5 Since taking office, Donald John Trump has directed
- 6 the Department of Justice to dismiss more than a dozen
- 7 prosecutors who were involved in investigations against
- 8 him after he left office in 2021. The Department of Jus-
- 9 tice has subsequently launched investigations into officials
- 10 involved in prior probes against Donald John Trump, in
- 11 some cases against individuals specifically named and ac-
- 12 cused in flagrantly improper Executive orders.
- 13 Furthermore, he has made direct and unambiguous
- 14 public statements threatening media outlets, current and
- 15 former officeholders, and advocacy organizations. He has
- 16 pursued meritless litigation, leveraged his public office for
- 17 private gain, and perverted the course of justice and the
- 18 integrity of the judicial system to extract tens of millions
- 19 of dollars in putative settlements, effectively acting as a
- 20 conduit for flagrant bribery and extortion. He has re-
- 21 stricted the access of the Associated Press after they re-
- 22 fused to use the name "Gulf of America" in their report-
- 23 ing and has defied court orders to cease this unconstitu-
- 24 tional action. He has also threatened current and former
- 25 members of Congress for the exercise of their legislative

- 1 and oversight functions, an attack on the independence of
- 2 Congress as a coequal branch of government as estab-
- 3 lished by the Constitution's Article I Vesting Clause, and
- 4 by the Constitution's Speech or Debate Clause, in addition
- 5 to the First Amendment.
- 6 For example, Donald John Trump has repeatedly
- 7 threatened members of the House Select Committee on
- 8 the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol,
- 9 which investigated the attack on the Capitol that Donald
- 10 John Trump instigated. Donald John Trump has sought
- 11 to intimidate the members and staff of the United States
- 12 House Select Committee on the January 6th Attack, stat-
- 13 ing that they "should fully understand that they are sub-
- 14 ject to investigation at the highest level" and expressing
- 15 a desire to remove the pardons they received, stating "The
- 16 'Pardons' that Sleepy Joe Biden gave to the Unselect
- 17 Committee of Political Thugs, and many others, are here-
- 18 by declared [void, vacant, and of no further force or ef-
- 19 fect]".
- 20 Donald John Trump has made it clear that he will
- 21 not rest until all of his perceived political enemies are
- 22 eliminated. In a speech addressing his Department of Jus-
- 23 tice subordinates, Donald John Trump further laid out his
- 24 fascist vision for the Department of Justice. He has tar-
- 25 geted watchdog organizations like the Citizens for Respon-

- 1 sibility and Ethics in Washington, calling them "scum"
- 2 and independent media outlets like CNN and MSNBC, la-
- 3 belling them as organizations that "literally write 97.6
- 4 percent bad about me, are political arms of the Democrat
- 5 Party. And in my opinion, they are really corrupt and they
- 6 are illegal. What they do is illegal.". He has stated that
- 7 newspapers critical of him are "really no different than
- 8 a highly paid political operative. And it has to stop. It
- 9 has to be illegal. It's influencing judges . . . it just cannot
- 10 be legal.".
- By these and many other actions, he has sought to
- 12 outlaw dissent, opposition, and criticism of himself and his
- 13 Administration. This attack on the constitutional rights
- 14 to freedom of speech, and of association, and of the right
- 15 to petition the government for redress of grievances, is
- 16 wholly incompatible with the rights and liberties of the
- 17 People of the United States as a self-governing people
- 18 under the rule of law.
- In purpose and effect, he has attempted to suppress
- 20 dissent and opposition, casting a chilling effect over the
- 21 public discourse, and striking at the core freedoms essen-
- 22 tial to a free society and democratic elections under the
- 23 Constitution.
- Wherefore, Donald John Trump, by such conduct,
- 25 has demonstrated that he is unfit to govern a Nation by

- 1 and for the people, has acted in a manner grossly incom-
- 2 patible with self-governance and the rule of law, and will
- 3 remain a threat to the Constitution if allowed to remain
- 4 in office.
- 5 ARTICLE V: CREATION OF UNLAWFUL OFFICE

- 7 The Constitution provides that the House of Rep-
- 8 resentatives "shall have the sole Power of Impeachment"
- 9 and that the President "shall be removed from Office on
- 10 Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or
- 11 other high Crimes and Misdemeanors". Further, Section
- 12 2 of Article II of the Constitution states that the President
- 13 "shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and
- 14 Consuls, Judges of the supreme Court, and all other Offi-
- 15 cers of the United States . . . but the Congress may by
- 16 Law vest the Appointment of such inferior Officers, as
- 17 they think proper, in the President alone, in the Courts
- 18 of Law, or in the Heads of Departments". In his conduct
- 19 of the office of President of the United States—and in
- 20 violation of his constitutional oath to faithfully to execute
- 21 the office of President of the United States and, to the
- 22 best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Con-
- 23 stitution of the United States, and in violation of his con-
- 24 stitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully
- 25 executed—Donald John Trump has abused the powers of

- 1 the Presidency in a manner offensive to, and subversive
- 2 of, the Constitution, in that:
- 3 Using the powers of his high office, Donald John
- 4 Trump has, through unlawful orders and directives, cre-
- 5 ated an unlawful office, the so-called Department of Gov-
- 6 ernment Efficiency ("DOGE"), and assigned an extensive
- 7 range of unlawful powers, effectively granting this fla-
- 8 grantly unconstitutional creation significant control over
- 9 the executive branch. Donald John Trump has appointed
- 10 Mr. Elon Musk as the de facto head of this contrived enti-
- 11 ty, which was not created or funded by any law, without
- 12 a formal title or office. These actions have been in direct
- 13 violation of the Constitution's requirement that principal
- 14 officers of the United States must be created by law and
- 15 their appointees confirmed by the Senate, and that inferior
- 16 offices must be created by law with their appointment
- 17 vested as Congress may determine.
- Additionally, he has vested these powers in Mr. Musk
- 19 without complying with the constitutional requirement
- 20 that all officers of the United States be commissioned by
- 21 the President and swear an oath of office to support the
- 22 Constitution. Mr. Musk has been designated as a special
- 23 government employee of the White House Office, in viola-
- 24 tion of statutory authorization and restrictions on such
- 25 designations. This false claim has also been used to com-

- 1 mit violations of the ethics, disclosure, and conflict-of-in-
- 2 terest laws applicable to government officers and regular
- 3 employees.
- 4 Contrary to the Government's claims in court, Mr.
- 5 Musk has exercised de facto control over DOGE and,
- 6 through it, control over a wide range of Government de-
- 7 partments and agencies. This unmistakable reality has
- 8 been repeatedly and openly stated by the Trump Adminis-
- 9 tration, including by Donald John Trump's own address
- 10 to Congress on March 4, 2025. In this capacity, Mr. Musk
- 11 and his subordinates have undertaken numerous violations
- 12 of the Constitution and laws, including by—
- 13 (1) impoundment of funds appropriated by
- 14 Congress;
- 15 (2) violations of privacy and security laws with
- respect to sensitive information systems, personally
- identifiable information, and classified material; and
- 18 (3) termination of government employees under
- false pretenses and in violation of civil service laws.
- These actions have vastly exceeded the terms of the
- 21 formal executive orders purporting to create DOGE under
- 22 the direction of a "U.S. DOGE Service Administrator",
- 23 an office which remained vacant for several weeks, with
- 24 the Government's own attorneys claiming in court that the
- 25 official head of DOGE was unknown to them. Since that

- 1 time, a nominal Administrator has been named, despite
- 2 the repeated avowals from the President and his Adminis-
- 3 tration that Mr. Musk controls and directs DOGE, as con-
- 4 firmed by ample public reporting and Mr. Musk's own
- 5 statements.
- 6 Donald John Trump has abused the powers of his
- 7 high office and breached the public trust by establishing
- 8 the so-called Department of Government Efficiency and
- 9 unconstitutionally placing Mr. Musk in control of this enti-
- 10 ty, knowingly provided false testimony to the court regard-
- 11 ing the leadership of the said entity, and directing the un-
- 12 lawful entity to implement his agenda, in violation of the
- 13 Constitution's objective of establishing Justice and funda-
- 14 mental rules for how the executive branch of the United
- 15 States is to be structured and how persons may be ap-
- 16 pointed to public office.
- 17 Wherefore, Donald John Trump, by such conduct,
- 18 has demonstrated that he is unfit to govern a Nation by
- 19 and for the people, has acted in a manner grossly incom-
- 20 patible with self-governance and the rule of law, and will
- 21 remain a threat to the Constitution if allowed to remain
- 22 in office.
- 23 ARTICLE VI: BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION

- The Constitution provides that the House of Rep-
- 26 resentatives "shall have the sole Power of Impeachment"

- 1 and that the President "shall be removed from Office on
- 2 Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or
- 3 other high Crimes and Misdemeanors". Further, Section
- 4 9 of Article I of the Constitution states that "no Person
- 5 holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall,
- 6 without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any
- 7 present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind what-
- 8 ever, from any . . . foreign State". In his conduct of the
- 9 office of President of the United States—and in violation
- 10 of his constitutional oath to faithfully to execute the office
- 11 of President of the United States and, to the best of his
- 12 ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of
- 13 the United States, and in violation of his constitutional
- 14 duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed—
- 15 Donald John Trump has abused the powers of the Presi-
- 16 dency in a manner offensive to, and subversive of, the Con-
- 17 stitution, in that:
- Donald John Trump has engaged in a pattern of un-
- 19 lawful corruption for the personal profit of himself and
- 20 his associates, soliciting and accepting bribes in exchange
- 21 for official actions, policy influence, and favorable treat-
- 22 ment from the Administration. In so doing, he has, beyond
- 23 a reasonable doubt, profiteered from public office on a
- 24 scale unprecedented in American history.

- 1 Donald John Trump has engaged in fraudulent con
- 2 artist schemes through "pump and dump" or "rug pull"
- 3 tactics for cryptocurrency tokens he has created, and at
- 4 the same time, enabled a direct conduit for bribes paid
- 5 to him in exchange for official actions.
- 6 Donald John Trump has also leveraged the threat of
- 7 hostile government action and the corresponding offer of
- 8 preferential treatment in order to extract large payments
- 9 in the form of settlements for meritless and vexatious liti-
- 10 gation he pursues in his personal capacity, thereby cor-
- 11 rupting both the executive branch and the judiciary. To
- 12 advance this end, Donald John Trump solicited and re-
- 13 ceived \$940,000,000 in pro bono services from prominent
- 14 law firms to help causes he personally supports.
- Donald John Trump has refused to divest himself or
- 16 take any steps to prevent conflicts of interest in his sub-
- 17 stantial personal business ventures, creating another con-
- 18 duit for the payment of bribes.
- 19 Donald John Trump has permitted and encouraged
- 20 his subordinates to violate laws regarding ethics, disclo-
- 21 sures, and self-dealing, and through these actions, he has
- 22 enabled and encouraged corruption and graft by his rel-
- 23 atives, associates, and political allies.
- Donald John Trump has, in these ways and others,
- 25 solicited payments from foreign governments for corrupt

- 1 purposes and in flagrant violation of the Constitution's
- 2 prohibition on foreign emoluments.
- Wherefore, Donald John Trump, by such conduct,
- 4 has demonstrated that he is unfit to govern a Nation by
- 5 and for the people, has acted in a manner grossly incom-
- 6 patible with self-governance and the rule of law, and will
- 7 remain a threat to the Constitution if allowed to remain
- 8 in office.
- 9 ARTICLE VII: TYRANNY

- 11 The Constitution provides that the House of Rep-
- 12 resentatives "shall have the sole Power of Impeachment"
- 13 and that the President "shall be removed from Office on
- 14 Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or
- 15 other high Crimes and Misdemeanors". Further, the sys-
- 16 tem of checks and balances, as well as the separation of
- 17 powers, as defined in the Constitution, work to ensure that
- 18 the Office of the President does not become tyrannical.
- 19 In his conduct of the office of President of the United
- 20 States—and in violation of his constitutional oath to faith-
- 21 fully to execute the office of President of the United States
- 22 and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend
- 23 the Constitution of the United States, and in violation of
- 24 his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faith-
- 25 fully executed—Donald John Trump has abused the pow-

- 1 ers of the Presidency in a manner offensive to, and subver-
- 2 sive of, the Constitution, in that:
- 3 He has, by his actions and statements, sought to es-
- 4 tablish himself as tyrant, dictator, and autocrat over the
- 5 People of the United States, usurping unto himself the
- 6 constitutional powers of Congress, the courts, and the
- 7 States, and powers illegitimate and beyond the scope of
- 8 lawful government altogether.
- 9 He has claimed for himself absolute and arbitrary
- 10 power, the ability to suspend laws at whim, and utterly
- 11 disregarded and betrayed his oath to faithfully execute the
- 12 office of President of the United States and to preserve,
- 13 protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.
- He has denied and violated the right of the People
- 15 of the United States to freedom of speech, and of assem-
- 16 bly, and to petition the government for redress of griev-
- 17 ances.
- 18 He has denied and violated the right of the People
- 19 of the United States to due process of law and equal pro-
- 20 tection under the laws, to fair and impartial independent
- 21 courts, and to legal counsel.
- He has sought to intimidate and coerce, by means
- 23 including the threat of unlawful prosecutions and by en-
- 24 couraging violence and threats of violence, the Representa-
- 25 tives and Senators in Congress.

- 1 He has denied and violated the separation of powers
- 2 and the Constitution's system of checks and balances, ar-
- 3 rogating unto himself the legislative and judicial powers,
- 4 including the power of Congress to levy taxes, appropriate
- 5 public funds, direct the organization of officers and agen-
- 6 cies of the executive branch, and to make laws.
- 7 He has sought to intimidate, coerce, and extort the
- 8 officers of the several States, including those elected by
- 9 the People thereof, and thereby sought to commandeer the
- 10 several States, in violation of their sovereignty and the
- 11 system of federalism established by the Constitution of the
- 12 United States.
- He has sought to abrogate the citizenship clause of
- 14 the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, by means in-
- 15 cluding the issuance of an executive order that directs ex-
- 16 ecutive departments and agencies to withhold citizenship
- 17 from certain classes of persons who are born within the
- 18 United States.
- 19 He has repeatedly threatened and suggested that he
- 20 intends to violate the Presidential term limits established
- 21 by the 22d Amendment to the Constitution, and adopted
- 22 overtly monarchical aspirations and affectations, including
- 23 by invoking and endorsing theories that he is above the
- 24 law or that his personal will constitutes the law.

- 1 In all of this, Donald John Trump has willfully dis-
- 2 regarded Federal laws and the Constitution, imperiled a
- 3 coequal branch of Government, and threatened the integ-
- 4 rity of the democratic system. He thereby betrayed his
- 5 trust as President, abused the powers of the Presidency,
- 6 acted in a manner grossly incompatible with self-govern-
- 7 ance and the rule of law, and has committed High Crimes
- 8 and Misdemeanors in attempting to establish himself as
- 9 a lawless tyrant to the manifest injury of the people of
- 10 the United States.
- Wherefore, Donald John Trump, by such conduct,
- 12 has demonstrated that he is unfit to govern a Nation by
- 13 and for the people, has acted in a manner grossly incom-
- 14 patible with self-governance and the rule of law, and will
- 15 remain a threat to the Constitution if allowed to remain
- 16 in office.

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