

Grounds for Impeachment Proceedings Against President Donald J. Trump, Resolution to Authorize Impeachment Hearings, and Model Articles of Impeachment

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The first step in the impeachment process is that the House Judiciary Committee opens an *impeachment investigation*. The House should immediately pass a resolution to authorize the Judiciary Committee to begin impeachment hearings. After the conclusion of impeachment hearings, the Judiciary Committee votes on whether to recommend articles of impeachment to the full House. The Committee should consider the following impeachable offenses:

1. Accepting unconstitutional foreign and domestic government emoluments
2. Conspiring to solicit and then conceal illegal foreign assistance for his presidential campaign
3. Making and concealing unlawful secret payments to procure his office
4. Obstructing the administration of justice
5. Directing law enforcement to investigate and prosecute critics and political adversaries for improper purposes
6. Abusing the pardon power
7. Advocating illegal violence and undermining equal protection of the laws
8. Reckless endangerment by threatening nuclear war
9. Undermining the freedom of the press
10. Cruel and unconstitutional imprisonment of children and their families, misuse of the military for political purposes, and other unlawful conduct and abuses of power at the southern border

For more information on these grounds, see *The Constitution Demands It: The Case for the Impeachment of Donald Trump*, available at your local bookstore or online.

Enclosures:

- a) Resolution authorizing Committee to begin impeachment hearings
- b) Model articles of impeachment that Committee could approve after hearings

RESOLUTION

Authorizing and directing the Committee on the Judiciary to investigate whether sufficient grounds exist for the impeachment of Donald John Trump, President of the United States.

1 *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary, acting as
2 a whole or by any subcommittee thereof appointed by the
3 chairman for the purposes hereof and in accordance with the
4 rules of the committee, is authorized and directed to
5 investigate fully and completely whether sufficient grounds
6 exist for the House of Representatives to exercise its
7 constitutional power to impeach Donald John Trump,
8 President of the United States of America, including but not
9 limited to:

- 10 (1) accepting unconstitutional foreign and domestic
11 government emoluments;
- 12 (2) conspiring to solicit and then conceal illegal foreign
13 assistance for his presidential campaign;
- 14 (3) making and concealing unlawful secret payments to
15 procure his office;
- 16 (4) obstructing the administration of justice;

- 1 (5) directing law enforcement to investigate and
2 prosecute critics and political adversaries for
3 improper purposes;
- 4 (6) abusing the pardon power;
- 5 (7) advocating illegal violence and undermining equal
6 protection of the laws;
- 7 (8) reckless endangerment by threatening nuclear war;
- 8 (9) undermining the freedom of the press; and
- 9 (10) cruel and unconstitutional imprisonment of children
10 and their families, misuse of the military for political
11 purposes, and other unlawful conduct and abuses of
12 power at the southern border.

13 SEC. 2. (a) For the purpose of making such investigation,
14 the committee is authorized to require—

15 (1) by subpoena or otherwise—

16 (A) the attendance and testimony of any person
17 (including at a taking of a deposition by counsel for
18 the committee); and

19 (B) the production of such things; and

20 (2) by interrogatory, the furnishing of such
21 information;

22 as it deems necessary to such investigation.

1 (b) Such authority of the committee may be exercised—

2 (1) by the chairman and the ranking minority
3 member acting jointly, or, if either declines to act, by the
4 other acting alone, except that in the event either so
5 declines, either shall have the right to refer to the
6 committee for decision the question whether such
7 authority shall be so exercised and the committee shall be
8 convened promptly to render that decision; or

9 (2) by the committee acting as a whole or by
10 subcommittee.

11 Subpoenas and interrogatories so authorized may be issued
12 over the signature of the chairman, or ranking minority
13 member, or any member designated by either of them, and
14 may be served by any person designated by the chairman, or
15 ranking minority member, or any member designated by either
16 of them. The chairman, or ranking minority member, or any
17 member designated by either of them (or, with respect to any
18 deposition, answer to interrogatory, or affidavit, any person
19 authorized by law to administer oaths) may administer oaths
20 to any witness. For the purposes of this section, “things”
21 includes, without limitation, books, records, correspondence,
22 logs, journals, memorandums, papers, documents, writings,

1 drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, reproductions,
2 recordings, tapes, transcripts, printouts, data compilations
3 from which information can be obtained (translated if
4 necessary, through detection devices into reasonably usable
5 form), tangible objects, and other things of any kind.

6 SEC. 3. There shall be paid out of the applicable accounts
7 of the House such sums as may be necessary to assist the
8 Committee on the Judiciary in conducting the inquiry under
9 this resolution, any of which may be used for the procurement
10 of staff or consultant services.

1 and of the requirements of the Constitution, repeatedly
2 misused his office for personal gain by accepting presents or
3 emoluments from foreign kings, princes, and states without
4 the consent of Congress, and receiving or appropriating for
5 himself emoluments from the United States and the several
6 States in excess of the compensation provided by law, in that:

7 While in office, he made it his policy to retain beneficial
8 ownership of, and has received substantial income from, the
9 Trump Organization and his diverse business interests.

10 During the period for which he has been President, Donald J.
11 Trump has through these businesses solicited, accepted, or
12 received payments, contracts, permits, approvals, subsidies,
13 and other financial benefits from foreign governments, from
14 the United States, and from the several States.

15 This conduct has included one or more of the following:

- 16 1. He received substantial sums of money from expenditures
17 by foreign governments, including those of China,
18 Malaysia, the Philippines, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey,
19 and the United Arab Emirates, at or on his privately
20 owned properties located in New York, New York;
21 Potomac Falls, Virginia; and Washington, D.C.

1 2. He received substantial valuable benefits for his
2 businesses in foreign countries, including trademarks,
3 government permits and approvals, and financial support
4 for building projects, from foreign governments, including
5 those of China, the Dominican Republic, Indonesia,
6 Mexico, Panama, the Philippines, and the United Arab
7 Emirates.

8 3. He unlawfully received compensation in the form of
9 federal and state expenditures at or on his privately
10 owned properties located in or near Palm Beach, Florida;
11 Bedminster, New Jersey; Washington, D.C.; Las Vegas,
12 Nevada; Miami, Florida; Panama City, Panama; and
13 South Ayrshire, Scotland; in the form of executive branch
14 action benefiting his privately owned property located in
15 Washington, D.C.; and in the form of state subsidies and
16 other expenditures benefiting his privately owned
17 properties located in or near New York, New York and
18 Cleveland, Mississippi.

19 In all of this, Donald J. Trump has acted in a manner
20 contrary to his trust as President and subversive of
21 constitutional government, to the great prejudice of the cause

1 of law and justice and to the manifest injury of the people of
2 the United States.

3 Wherefore Donald J. Trump, by such conduct, warrants
4 impeachment and trial, and removal from office.

5 ARTICLE II

6 In connection with his 2016 campaign for President of the
7 United States and in his conduct of the office of President of
8 the United States, and in violation of his constitutional oath
9 faithfully to execute the office of President of the United States
10 and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the
11 Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his
12 constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully
13 executed, Donald J. Trump engaged in a corrupt course of
14 conduct that demonstrates his unfitness to serve as President
15 of the United States, in that:

16 During the 2016 presidential election campaign,
17 personnel or agents of the Donald J. Trump for President
18 committee met, communicated, or coordinated with, or
19 solicited assistance from, foreign nationals for the purpose of
20 influencing the 2016 presidential election. In furtherance
21 thereof, he engaged personally and through his close

1 subordinates and agents, in a course of conduct or plan
2 designed to solicit, obtain, and conceal unlawful foreign
3 assistance for his campaign.

4 The means used to implement this course of conduct or
5 plan included one or more of the following:

- 6 1. He approved, condoned, or acquiesced in his close
7 subordinates and agents of the Donald J. Trump for
8 President committee soliciting valuable political
9 intelligence from foreign nationals, including agents of
10 the governments of Russia, Saudi Arabia, and the United
11 Arab Emirates, and of WikiLeaks, a non-state hostile
12 intelligence service.
- 13 2. He personally encouraged foreign nationals, including
14 agents of the Russian government and WikiLeaks, to
15 interfere with United States political and electoral
16 processes, including the 2016 presidential election.
- 17 3. During 2016 and continuing through 2018, he repeatedly
18 made or caused to be made false or misleading public
19 statements for the purpose of deceiving the people of the
20 United States about his close subordinates and agents'
21 negotiations on his behalf with representatives of the

1 Russian government regarding his privately owned
2 businesses, and to obtain political intelligence for his 2016
3 presidential campaign.

4 Accordingly, Donald J. Trump has engaged in conduct so
5 utterly lacking in honesty and integrity that he is guilty of
6 high crimes and misdemeanors, and is unfit to hold the office
7 of President.

8 Wherefore Donald J. Trump, by such conduct, warrants
9 impeachment and trial, and removal from office.

10 ARTICLE III

11 In connection with his 2016 campaign for President of the
12 United States and in his conduct of the office of President of
13 the United States, and in violation of his constitutional oath
14 faithfully to execute the office of President of the United States
15 and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the
16 Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his
17 constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully
18 executed, Donald J. Trump engaged in a corrupt course of
19 conduct that demonstrates his unfitness to serve as President
20 of the United States, in that:

21 During the 2016 presidential election campaign, he

1 engaged in an corrupt course of conduct or plan to make
2 unlawful payments to influence the 2016 election.

3 The means used to implement this course of conduct or
4 plan included one or more of the following:

- 5 1. During the 2016 election, he approved, directed, made,
6 and caused to be made the surreptitious and unlawful
7 payment of substantial sums of money for the purpose of
8 obtaining the silence of persons with unfavorable
9 information about him in order to influence the 2016
10 election.
- 11 2. Beginning in January 2018, he repeatedly made or caused
12 to be made false or misleading public statements for the
13 purpose of deceiving the people of the United States about
14 his knowledge of the payments, the reasons for them, and
15 the sources of the funds.

16 Accordingly, Donald J. Trump has engaged in conduct so
17 utterly lacking in honesty and integrity that he is unfit to hold
18 the office of President, is guilty of high crimes and
19 misdemeanors, and has acted in a manner contrary to his trust
20 as President and subversive of constitutional government, to
21 the great prejudice of the cause of law and justice and to the

1 Subsequent thereto, Donald J. Trump, using the powers of his
2 high office, engaged personally and through his close
3 subordinates and agents, in a course of conduct or plan
4 designed to delay, impede, and obstruct the investigation of
5 such unlawful activity; to cover up, conceal and protect those
6 responsible; and to conceal the existence and scope of other
7 covert activities.

8 The means used to implement this course of conduct or
9 plan included one or more of the following:

- 10 1. He interfered or endeavoured to interfere with the
11 conduct of investigations by the Department of Justice
12 of the United States, the Special Counsel's Office, the
13 Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Congressional
14 Committees, including by firing, threatening to fire, or
15 endeavouring to fire lawfully authorized investigative
16 officers and employees of the United States for the
17 purpose of interfering with such investigations.
- 18 2. He endeavoured to misuse the Attorney General, the
19 Deputy Attorney General, the Director of the Federal
20 Bureau of Investigation, the Director of National
21 Intelligence, and the Director of the National Security

- 1 Agency to interfere with the conduct of investigations.
- 2 3. He approved, encouraged, condoned, acquiesced in, and
3 counselled witnesses with respect to the giving of false
4 or misleading statements to lawfully authorized
5 investigative officers and employees of the United
6 States and false or misleading testimony in duly
7 instituted judicial and congressional proceedings, or
8 against giving statements or testimony at all.
- 9 4. He endeavoured to intimidate and discredit witnesses
10 or potential witnesses for the purpose of preventing,
11 influencing, or discrediting their testimony to lawfully
12 authorized investigative officers or in duly instituted
13 judicial and congressional proceedings, and
14 endeavoured to influence a duly instituted judicial
15 proceeding for the purpose of for the purpose of
16 obtaining the silence or influencing the testimony of
17 witnesses in other proceedings.
- 18 5. He failed to take care that the laws were faithfully
19 executed by failing to act when he knew or had reason
20 to know that his close subordinates endeavoured to
21 impede and frustrate lawful inquiries, including by

1 unlawfully making materially false statements to
2 Congressional Committees.

3 6. He improperly obtained or accepted information from
4 subjects of ongoing investigations conducted by lawfully
5 authorized investigative officers, for the purpose of
6 aiding and assisting other subjects of those
7 investigations in their attempts to avoid criminal
8 liability.

9 7. He endeavoured to cause prospective defendants, and
10 individuals duly tried and convicted, to expect favoured
11 treatment and consideration, including clemency, in
12 return for their silence, false testimony, or provision of
13 information about ongoing investigations conducted by
14 lawfully authorized investigative officers.

15 8. He made or caused to be made false or misleading
16 public statements for the purpose of deceiving the
17 people of the United States into believing that there
18 was no involvement of personnel of the Donald J.
19 Trump for President committee or the executive branch
20 of the United States in alleged misconduct or unlawful
21 activity on his behalf.

1 Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
2 and other executive personnel, in violation or disregard of the
3 constitutional rights of citizens, in that:

4 He directed or authorized law enforcement agencies or
5 personnel to investigate and prosecute specific named private
6 citizens and current or former employees of the United States,
7 for improper purposes unrelated to national security, the
8 enforcement of laws, or any other lawful function of his office

9 In all of this, Donald J. Trump has acted in a manner
10 contrary to his trust as President and subversive of
11 constitutional government, to the great prejudice of the cause
12 of law and justice and to the manifest injury of the people of
13 the United States.

14 Wherefore Donald J. Trump, by such conduct, warrants
15 impeachment and trial, and removal from office.

16 ARTICLE VI

17 In his conduct of the office of President of the United
18 States, Donald J. Trump, in violation of his constitutional oath
19 faithfully to execute the office of President of the United States
20 and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the
21 Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his

1 constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully
2 executed, has abused the pardon power and undermined due
3 process of law, in that:

4 He granted a full pardon to a former government official
5 convicted of criminal contempt of court for willfully disobeying
6 a duly issued judicial injunction to cease a pattern and practice
7 of violating individuals' constitutional rights, and publicly
8 condoning said official's pattern and practice of violating
9 individuals' constitutional rights.

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11 contrary to his trust as President and subversive of
12 constitutional government, to the great prejudice of the cause
13 of law and justice and to the manifest injury of the people of
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17 ARTICLE VII

18 In his conduct of the office of President of the United
19 States, Donald J. Trump, in violation of his constitutional oath
20 faithfully to execute the office of President of the United States
21 and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the

1 Constitution of the United States, in violation of his
2 constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully
3 executed, and unmindful of the high duties of his oath of office
4 and of the requirements of the Constitution, has repeatedly
5 engaged in conduct violating the constitutional rights of
6 individuals or misused his official position to promote hatred,
7 hostility, or unlawful violence.

8 This conduct has included one or more of the following:

- 9 1. He personally, or through his subordinates and agents or
10 by making it his policy, repeatedly misused agencies of
11 the executive branch for the improper purpose of
12 punishing, humiliating, or unlawfully discriminating
13 against people based on race, color, religion, or national
14 origin.
- 15 2. He repeatedly publicly counselled law enforcement and
16 the military to unlawfully injure or kill persons in their
17 custody.
- 18 3. He repeatedly, and with reckless or wanton disregard for
19 the risk of death or grievous bodily harm, approved,
20 condoned, acquiesced in, or counselled private parties'
21 harassment and unlawful violence against individuals

1 and groups. This course of conduct has, as its reasonable
2 and probable consequence, endangered public safety by
3 encouraging private acts of unlawful violence and
4 harassment influenced by his counsel.

5 4. For purposes unrelated to any lawful function of his office,
6 he misused his official position to retaliate against
7 citizens lawfully protesting against government
8 misconduct, by promoting an economic boycott of, and
9 wrongfully acting to influence employment decisions and
10 employment practices of, professional football teams.

11 5. He repeatedly and for purposes unrelated to any lawful
12 function of his office misused his official position to
13 disseminate false or misleading public statements for the
14 purpose of sowing hatred and hostility among the people
15 of the United States on the basis of race, color, religion, or
16 national origin.

17 In all of this, Donald J. Trump has acted in a manner
18 contrary to his trust as President and subversive of
19 constitutional government, to the great prejudice of the cause
20 of law and justice and to the manifest injury of the people of
21 the United States.

1 functions and authority of federal agencies, including the
2 United States Department of State, during potential
3 nuclear confrontations.

4 By this insensate and reckless conduct, Donald J. Trump
5 has endangered the United States and demonstrated that he is
6 unfit for the office of President.

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8 contrary to his trust as President and subversive of
9 constitutional government, to the great prejudice of the cause
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14 ARTICLE IX

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17 faithfully to execute the office of President of the United States
18 and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the
19 Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his
20 constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully
21 executed, and unmindful of the high duties of his oath of office

1 and of the requirements of the Constitution, has repeatedly
2 engaged in a course of conduct that undermines the freedom of
3 the press guaranteed by the First Amendment to the
4 Constitution.

5 This conduct has included one or more of the following:

- 6 1. He made and caused to be made false or misleading public
7 statements to systematically undermine the credibility of
8 the press for the purpose of deceiving the people of the
9 United States into disbelieving all unfavorable news
10 coverage of himself or his administration, and
11 undermining public support for the freedom of press,
12 thereby attacking the democratic institutions of the
13 United States.
- 14 2. He repeatedly, and with reckless or wanton disregard for
15 the risk of death or grievous bodily harm, approved,
16 condoned, acquiesced in, or counselled private parties'
17 harassment and unlawful violence against reporters. This
18 course of conduct has, as its reasonable and probable
19 consequence, endangered public safety by encouraging
20 private acts of unlawful violence and harassment
21 influenced by his counsel.

1 3. He acquiesced in the efforts by a foreign prince to murder
2 a reporter and United States permanent resident and to
3 cover up that murder, and made false or misleading
4 public statements for the purpose of deceiving the people
5 of the United States about the incident.

6 4. He misused or endeavoured to misuse the Federal Bureau
7 of Investigation, the Department of Justice, the Postal
8 Service, and the Federal Communications Commission,
9 and other executive personnel, in violation or disregard of
10 the constitutional right to freedom of the press, by
11 directing or authorizing such agencies or personnel to
12 take action retaliating against the press for unfavorable
13 news coverage.

14 5. For purposes unrelated to any lawful function of his office,
15 he misused his official position to retaliate or endeavor to
16 retaliate against specific reporters and news executives
17 for unfavorable news coverage.

18 In all of this, Donald J. Trump has acted in a manner
19 contrary to his trust as President and subversive of
20 constitutional government, to the great prejudice of the cause
21 of law and justice and to the manifest injury of the people of

1 his policy, he separated children from their families and
2 detained children under cruel and unconstitutional
3 conditions, failed to take care that such children could be
4 reunited with their parents, and acquiesced in the
5 placement of some such children for adoption, in violation
6 or disregard of the constitutional rights of parents and
7 children.

8 2. He misused the United States military, through his
9 subordinates and agents and by making it his policy, by
10 deploying the United States military to the southern
11 border for improper purposes unrelated to national
12 security, the enforcement of laws, or any other lawful
13 function of his office. In furtherance of such misuse of the
14 military, he made or caused to be made false or
15 misleading public statements for the purpose of deceiving
16 the people of the United States into believing the
17 existence of an urgent national security threat.

18 3. He directed his chief of staff to issue an unlawful order, or
19 failed to take care that the laws were faithfully executed
20 by failing to act when he knew that his chief of staff had
21 issued such order, authorizing the use of lethal force at

1 the southern border in a manner contravening the laws
2 governing such use of force, and he failed to take care to
3 that the laws were faithfully executed with respect to the
4 use of chemical weapons used by employees of the United
5 States in a manner contravening the laws of the United
6 States and treaties made under its authority.

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