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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 24, 2025

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas submitted the following resolution;

RESOLUTION

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- 1 Resolved, That Donald J. Trump, President of the United
- 2 States, is impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors, and
- that the following articles of impeachment be exhibited to the
- 4 Senate:
- 5 Articles of impeachment exhibited by the House of
- 6 Representatives of the United States of America in the name of
- 7 itself and of the people of the United States of America,
- against Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of

- 1 America, in maintenance and support of its impeachment
- 2 against him for high crimes and misdemeanors.

ARTICLE I

Abuse of Presidential Powers by Disregarding the Separation of Powers—Devolving American Democracy into Authoritarianism by Unconstitutionally Usurping Congress's Power to Declare War

In his conduct of the office of President of the United 3 States, Donald J. Trump, in violation of his constitutional oath 4 faithfully to execute the office of President of the United States 5 and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the 6 Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his 7 constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully 8 executed, abused the powers of the presidency when he 9 disregarded the doctrine of separation of powers by usurping 10 Congress's power to declare war and ordered the United States 11 military to bomb another country without the constitutionally-12 mandated congressional authorization or notice to Congress— 13 cognizant of the fact that should another country's military 14 bomb a facility within the United States of America, it would 15 be a de facto declaration of war against the United States of 16 America. 17

- On June 12, 2025, the State of Israel initiated attacks on
- 2 Iran, ostensibly to target sites and individuals of importance to
- 3 Iran's nuclear program. Iran retaliated, and the conflict has
- 4 escalated between Israel and Iran, though at no point did Iran
- 5 pose any imminent threat to the United States.
- On June 21, 2025, President Trump announced "successful"
- 7 attacks on three nuclear sites in Iran: Fordow, Natanz, and
- 8 Estahan via his social media network, Truth Social. President
- 9 Trump failed to seek prior congressionally-mandated
- authorization for the use of military force.² Congressional
- leaders were not appropriately briefed or notified of the attack
- 12 plans³ despite foreign leaders being given advance notice of the
- 13 planned U.S. military action.⁴

¹ Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump), TRUTH SOCIAL (Jun. 21, 2025, 7:50 PM), https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/114724035571020048.

² Hakeem Jeffries, *Leader Jeffries Statement on Trump's Unilateral Military Action in Iran* (Jun. 21, 2025), https://jeffries.house.gov/2025/06/21/leader-jeffries-statement-on-trumps-unilateral-military-action-in-iran.

³ Stephen Neukam, *Top Democrats left in dark on Iran strike plans*, AXIOS (June 21, 2025), https://www.axios.com/2025/06/22/democrats-trump-iran-nuclear-facilities.

⁴ Jennifer McKiernan, *PM warns of 'risk of escalation' after US bombs Iran nuclear sites*, BBC NEWS (Jun. 22, 2025), https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cq53l41gl8jo.

President Trump's unilateral, unprovoked use of force 1 without congressional authorization or notice constitutes an 2 abuse of power when there was no imminent threat to the 3 United States, which facilitates the devolution of American 4 democracy into authoritarianism, with an authoritarian 5 president who has instigated an attack on the United States 6 Capitol, denied persons due process of the law, and called for the impeachment of federal judges who ruled against him— 8 making Donald J. Trump a threat to American 9 democracy. 10 Article I, Section 8, Clause 11 of the United States 11 Constitution grants Congress the sole power to declare war: 12 "[The Congress shall have the Power...] To declare War..." At 13 the time, the Framers of the Constitution emphasized the goal 14

of limiting the monarchical power of any single individual

person to take a country to war over personal whims and

preferences⁵—no constitutional exception exists for a

successful military action.

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⁵ THE FEDERALIST No. 69 (Alexander Hamilton), https://guides.loc.gov/federalist-papers/text-61-70 ("The President is to be commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States... nothing more than the supreme command and direction of the military and naval forces...; while that [power] of the British King extends to the DECLARING of war and to the RAISING and REGULATING of fleets and armies—all which, by the Constitution under consideration, would appertain to the legislature."); "Helvidius' Number 4, [14 September] 1793," Founders Online, Madison Papers, NATIONAL ARCHIVES, https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Madison/01-15-02-0070 ("In no part of the constitution is more wisdom to be found than in the clause which confides the question of war or peace to the legislature, and not to the executive department... [as] the trust and temptation would be too great for any one man....").

- In starting his illegal and unconstitutional war with Iran
- 2 without the constitutionally-mandated consent of Congress or
- 3 appropriate notice to Congress, President Trump acted in
- 4 direct violation of the War Powers Clause of the Constitution.
- 5 President Trump has devolved and continues to devolve
- 6 American democracy into authoritarianism by disregarding
- 7 the separation of powers and now, usurping congressional war
- 8 powers.
- In all of this, Donald J. Trump has abused the
- powers of the presidency in a manner contrary to his trust as
- 11 President, has become a threat to American democracy,
- subverted our constitutional government, and devolved
- democracy into authoritarianism, to the great prejudice of the
- cause of law and justice, and to the manifest injury of the
- people of the United States.
- Wherefore Donald J. Trump, by such conduct,
- warrants impeachment and trial, and removal from office.