

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A  
SUBSTITUTE TO THE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION  
RECOMMENDING THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FIND  
MERRICK B. GARLAND IN CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS FOR  
REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA DULY ISSUED BY THE  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

Offered by M\_. \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_.

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The Committee also notes serious concerns about the competency of Donald Trump.

The weekend before the Committee took up this contempt report, in a speech delivered in Wildwood, New Jersey, Mr. Trump praised the fictional serial killer from *Silence of the Lambs* -- “The late, great Hannibal Lecter. He’s a wonderful man” and “Congratulations, the late, great Hannibal Lecter. We have people that are being released into our country that we don’t want in our country.”<sup>1</sup> Mr. Trump also confused the Chinese city of Beijing with the self-governing Island of Taiwan and confused the famous tennis player Jimmy Connors with President Jimmy Carter.<sup>2</sup>

At a rally in Iowa last January, Mr. Trump declared: “Think of it, magnets,” “Now all I know about magnets is this, give me a glass of water, let me drop it on the magnets, that’s the end of the magnets.”<sup>3</sup>

During a series of March campaign rallies, Trump mistook the country of Argentina for a person, telling the crowd: “You know, Argentina, great guy. He’s a big Trump guy. He loves Trump. I love him because he loves Trump. Anybody that loves me. I like them.” He also claimed that a poll was a legislative bill, called our country the “United Stage,” and made a series of unintelligible noises when describing himself: “Diiiiing, boom. This is me, [unintelligible] bing!”<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Donald Trump Suffers Gaffe-Heavy Weekend*, NEWSWEEK (May 13, 2024, 5:48 AM), <https://www.newsweek.com/donald-trump-gaffe-weekend-rally-hannibal-lecter-1899722>

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *Donald Trump Ridiculed for Bizarre Magnet Remarks at Iowa Rally*, NEWSWEEK (Jan. 8, 2024, 9:55 AM), <https://www.newsweek.com/donald-trump-ridiculed-bizarre-magnet-remarks-iowa-rally-1858420>

<sup>4</sup> *Lost Track of Trump’s Weekend Gaffes? Here’s The Full List*, THE NEW REPUBLIC, (March 4, 2024, 12:26 PM), <https://newrepublic.com/post/179521/donald-trump-weekend-verbal-gaffes>

It is not even clear if Mr. Trump knows which of his political opponents he is running against. Mr. Trump has mixed up President Joe Biden and former President Barack Obama on at least 8 different occasions.<sup>5</sup> He confused presidential candidate Nikki Haley with former Speaker Pelosi, inferring that Ambassador Haley was responsible for Capitol security.<sup>6</sup>

Mr. Trump has also been confused with respect to foreign leaders. For example, in October 2023, Mr. Trump referred to Hungarian Prime Minister Victor Orban as a “great leader” of Turkey.<sup>7</sup>

These examples and more raise serious concerns about Mr. Trump’s mental competency and ability to serve another term as president.

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<sup>5</sup> *Trump Confuses Biden With Obama, Again – Here are 8 Other Recent Times*, FORBES (Mar. 3, 2024), <https://www.forbes.com/sites/anafaguy/2024/03/03/trump-confuses-biden-for-obama-again-here-are-the-other-times/?sh=7b998006522c>

<sup>6</sup> *Trump Confuses Nikki Haley with Nancy Pelosi when talking about Jan. 6*, NBC NEWS (Jan. 19, 2024, 11:50 PM), <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/donald-trump/trump-confuses-nikki-haley-pelosi-talking-jan-6-rcna134863>

<sup>7</sup> *Donald Trump Muddles Up World Leaders in Rambling Speech*, NEWSWEEK (Oct. 24, 2023, 8:08 AM), <https://www.newsweek.com/donald-trump-viktor-orban-leader-turkey-hungary-1837162>