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Impeaching Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr., President of the United States,
for the high crimes and misdemeanors of betrayal of the public trust.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BOEBERT (for herself, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. GOHMERT, and Mr. HICE of Georgia) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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United States, for the high crimes and misdemeanors
of betrayal of the public trust.

1 *Resolved*, That Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr., Presi-
2 dent of the United States, is impeached for high crimes
3 and misdemeanors and that the following Article of Im-
4 peachment be exhibited to the United States 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 Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr., President
9 of the United States, in maintenance and support of its

1 impeachment against him for high crimes and mis-
2 demeanors.

3 ARTICLE I

4 The Constitution provides that the House of Rep-
5 resentatives “shall have the sole Power of Impeachment”
6 and that the President “shall be removed from Office on
7 Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or
8 other high Crimes and Misdemeanors”. In his conduct of
9 the office of President of the United States—and in viola-
10 tion of his constitutional oath faithfully to execute the of-
11 fice of President of the United States and, to the best of
12 his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution
13 of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional
14 duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed—
15 Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr., has willfully abandoned his
16 duty as President of the United States, in betrayal of the
17 public trust, in that:

18 It is the duty of the President as Commander in
19 Chief to ensure the national security of the United States
20 of America and its citizens, at home and abroad.

21 Despite sufficient warning from military and intel-
22 ligence personnel, President Biden proceeded to hap-
23 hazardly withdraw troops from Afghanistan that resulted
24 in the Taliban gaining full control of Afghanistan and
25 jeopardized the safety of, and in some cases directly re-

1 sulted in the death of, United States citizens, United
2 States Armed Forces members, and Afghan civilians.

3 The President of the United States willfully aban-
4 doned his duties as Commander in Chief and is directly
5 responsible for the failed withdrawal from Afghanistan.

6 The President of the United States gave aid and com-
7 fort to our enemies, while the Taliban rapidly overtook Af-
8 ghanistan.

9 The President of the United States has compromised
10 the physical security of tens of thousands of United States
11 military personnel, United States Government operatives,
12 United States civilians, Afghan allies, other international
13 allies, and tens of billions of dollars of advanced United
14 States military equipment.

15 On March 25, 2021, President Biden stated, “if we
16 leave, we’re going to do so in a safe and orderly way”
17 when asked about withdrawal plans for United States
18 troops in Afghanistan.

19 On April 14, 2021, President Biden stated of the
20 withdrawal of United States troops in Afghanistan, “We
21 will not conduct a hasty rush to the exit, we’ll do it respon-
22 sibly, deliberately, and safely”.

23 On May 18, 2021, the Department of Defense Inves-
24 tigator General reported a 37-percent increase in reported
25 attacks initiated by the Taliban on Afghanistan govern-

1 ment forces during the first quarter of 2021 for “large-
2 scale offenses”.

3 On June 8, 2021, Taliban spokesperson Zabihullah
4 Mujahid stated that once foreign forces leave Afghanistan
5 “we will be compelled to continue our war to achieve our
6 goal”.

7 On June 8, 2021, President Biden transmitted to the
8 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Represent-
9 atives, the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate,
10 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
11 resentatives, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
12 Senate, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
13 of the House of Representatives, and the Select Committee
14 on Intelligence of the Senate, a waiver of the limitations
15 under section 1215(a) of the William M. (Mac) Thorn-
16 berry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
17 2021, which section required a detailed report on the risks
18 associated with leaving Afghanistan. Such a report would
19 have provided the details of his administration’s national
20 security assessment prior to the United States withdrawal
21 from Afghanistan.

22 On July 6, 2021, the United States military con-
23 firmed the pullout of Bagram Airfield without notifying
24 the Afghan commander resulting in the base getting ran-

1 sacked by Taliban looters and releasing thousands of
2 ISIS–K terrorists from prison.

3 On July 8, 2021, President Biden stated that the
4 Taliban “is at its strongest militarily since 2001” and
5 stated, “the likelihood there’s going to be the Taliban
6 overrunning everything and owning the whole country is
7 highly unlikely”.

8 On July 12, 2021, President Biden ordered 4-star
9 General Austin Miller, Commander of North Atlantic
10 Treaty Organization’s Resolute Support Mission and
11 United States Forces–Afghanistan, to step down from his
12 position and depart Afghanistan, leaving the remaining
13 United States presence without a seasoned leader in the
14 face of growing Taliban powers.

15 On July 13, 2021, President Biden received a docu-
16 ment signed by 23 staff members of the United States
17 embassy in Afghanistan, with a warning regarding poten-
18 tial collapse of the Afghan capital of Kabul soon after the
19 President’s withdrawal deadline.

20 On August 6, 2021, the Taliban took control of the
21 Nimroz province.

22 On August 11, 2021, President Biden took a week-
23 long vacation at Camp David despite significant advances
24 and provincial captures by the Taliban offensive.

1 On August 15, 2021, as Taliban fighters took control
2 of Kabul, the United States embassy fell, and billions of
3 dollars of United States military weapons, including
4 75,000 vehicles, 200 aircraft, 600,000 weapons were given
5 over to the Taliban. President Biden stated he stood
6 “squarely behind his decision”.

7 On August 16, 2021, President Biden addressed the
8 Nation on the debacle in Afghanistan and stated, “I am
9 president of the United States of America, and the buck
10 stops with me”.

11 On August 20, 2021, President Biden stated that al-
12 Qaida was “gone” from Afghanistan despite recent reports
13 from the Inspector General of Congress and the United
14 Nations that show that al-Qaida continues to have a pres-
15 ence in Afghanistan.

16 On August 23, 2021, the Chairman of the House
17 Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence stated that,
18 “there were any number of warnings that the Taliban
19 might take over, and some that included a potential of
20 a very rapid takeover”.

21 On August 24, 2021, President Biden stated that he
22 will not extend the August 31st deadline for withdrawal
23 of troops from Afghanistan despite pleas from members
24 of Congress, military personnel, and the G–7 allies. Esti-
25 mates indicated there were 10,000 United States citizens,

1 50,000 Afghan special immigrant visa applicants, and
2 6,000 troops in Afghanistan at the time. The Pentagon,
3 however, stated that the United States did not have the
4 capability to safely escort Americans in Kabul to the air-
5 port for evacuation by the August 31st deadline.

6 On August 26, 2021, a suicide bomb explosion exe-
7 cuted by terrorist group ISIS-K occurred at Hamid
8 Karzai International Airport, killing eleven Marines, one
9 Navy Medic, and one Army soldier, and injuring over 20
10 Americans.

11 The last American military service member was re-
12 moved from Afghanistan on August 30, 2021, with hun-
13 dreds of Americans still stranded in Afghanistan.

14 These executive decisions suggest the willful aban-
15 donment of the national security responsibilities of the
16 Commander in Chief. It is the responsibility of the Con-
17 gress to reprimand such failure through impeachment.

18 President Biden promised the American people a re-
19 sponsible, deliberate, and safe exit withdrawal from Af-
20 ghanistan and instead conducted a reckless, politically mo-
21 tivated, and dangerous withdrawal.

22 President Biden's conduct during the withdrawal
23 from Afghanistan has led to international condemnation
24 of the United States, including from our allies.

1 President Biden’s conduct during the withdrawal has
2 diminished the United States standing on the inter-
3 national stage, allowing adversaries such as Russia and
4 China to call into question the United States ability to
5 fulfill its military and defense commitments.

6 President Biden’s actions allowed tens of billions of
7 taxpayer dollars in military equipment, including small
8 arms, body armor, land vehicles, helicopters, and drones,
9 to fall into the hands of the Taliban.

10 President Biden jeopardized the safety of United
11 States citizens and Afghan allies stranded in Afghanistan
12 by willingly sharing their identities with Taliban officials.

13 On July 23, 2021, President Biden colluded with Af-
14 ghan President Ashraf Ghani on a phone call asking him
15 to mislead the American public and our allies and falsely
16 portray the status of the war in Afghanistan and betray
17 the public trust. President Biden explicitly stated “. . .
18 as you know and I need not tell you the perception around
19 the world and in parts of Afghanistan, I believe, is that
20 things aren’t going well in terms of the fight against the
21 Taliban. And there’s a need, whether it is true or not,
22 there is a need to project a different picture”.

23 These failures have created a permanent rupture of
24 trust between this military chain of command and the
25 American people and our allies.

1 In doing this, Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr., has will-
2 fully abandoned his duty and betrayed the public trust,
3 has directly betrayed the public trust and continues to
4 demonstrate that he is unfit to hold the office of President
5 of the United States, to the manifest injury of the people
6 of the United States.

7 Wherefore President Biden, by such conduct, has
8 demonstrated that he will remain a threat to national se-
9 curity and the Constitution if allowed to remain in office,
10 and has acted in a manner grossly incompatible with self-
11 governance and the rule of law. President Biden thus war-
12 rants impeachment and trial, removal from office, and dis-
13 qualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust,
14 or profit under the United States.

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