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119TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. RES. _____

Impeaching James E. Boasberg, United States District Court Chief Judge for the District of Columbia, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2025

Mr. GILL of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Impeaching James E. Boasberg, Chief Judge, United States
District Court for the District of Columbia, for high
crimes and misdemeanors.

- 1 Resolved, That James E. Boasberg, Chief Judge, United
- 2 States Court for the District of Columbia, is impeached for
- 3 high crimes and misdemeanors, and that the following article
- 4 of impeachment 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 James E. Boasberg, Chief Judge, United

- 1 States District Court for the District of Columbia, in
- 2 maintenance and support of its impeachment against him
- 3 for high crimes and misdemeanors.
- 4 ARTICLE I: ABUSE OF POWER

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- 6 Chief Judge Boasberg, in violation of his oath of
- 7 office, did knowingly and willfully use his judicial position to
- 8 advance political gain while interfering with the President's
- 9 constitutional prerogatives and enforcement of the rule of law.
- 10 The Constitution provides that the House of
- 11 Representatives "shall have the sole Power of Impeachment"
- 12 and that "civil Officers of the United States," including
- 13 Federal Judges, are subject to impeachment and removal.
- 14 Further, the separation of powers under the
- 15 Constitution grants the President broad authority over the
- 16 executive branch, including authority to protect the nation,
- 17 as part of his role in ensuring the administration of laws,
- 18 including the Alien Enemies Act, and policies of the United
- 19 States.
- The Alien Enemies Act commits to the
- 21 President's sole and unreviewable discretion the authority
- 22 to invoke the provisions of the Act, including the power to
- 23 determine whether an invasion has taken place. As the Supreme
- 24 Court has explained, for a court to second-guess a President's
- 25 determination under the Alien Enemies Act "would be assuming

- 1 the functions of the political agencies of the Government" and
- 2 "[i]t is not for [courts] to question" the President's
- 3 determinations under the Alien Enemies Act because "[t]hese
- 4 are matters of political judgement for which judges have neither
- 5 technical competence nor official responsibility." *Ludecke V.*
- 6 Watkins, 335 U.S. 160(1948). Yet, notwithstanding this binding
- 7 precedent from the highest court in the land, Chief Judge
- 8 Boasberg has done exactly what the Supreme Court command
- 9 *not* be done, and has illegitimately tried to substitute his own
- 10 judgement for that of the elected President of the United States,
- 11 thereby usurping the role of the Executive and unilaterally
- 12 taking upon himself the power and authority of the President.
- Through his conduct, in which he violated his oath to the
- 14 Constitution and duty of impartiality to the people of the
- 15 United States, Chief Judge Boasberg has abused the powers
- 16 of his judicial authority, having engaged in actions that
- 17 prioritize political gain over the duty of impartiality owed to
- 18 the public and litigants as follows:
- 19 (1) Chief Judge Boasberg has prevented President
- Trump from removing aliens associated with Tren de
- Aragua, a designated Foreign Terrorist Organization from
- the United States.
- 23 (2) Chief Judge Boasberg required President Trump
- to turn around planes midair that had aliens associated
- with Tren de Aragua, a designated Foreign Terrorist
- 26 Organization.

- 1 This conduct jeopardizes the safety of the nation,
- 2 represents an abuse of judicial power, and is detrimental to the
- 3 orderly functioning of the judiciary. Using the powers of his
- 4 office, Chief Judge Boasberg has attempted to seize power from
- 5 the Executive Branch and interfere with the will of the American
- 6 people.
- 7 In so doing, Chief Judge Boasberg used the powers of
- 8 his position to engage in actions that overstep his judicial
- 9 authority. By making a political decision outside the scope
- 10 of his judicial duties, he compromised the impartiality of our
- 11 judicial system and created a constitutional crisis.
- Wherefore, Chief Judge Boasberg is guilty of high crimes
- 13 and misdemeanors and should be removed from office.