

ARTICLE OF IMPEACHMENT

ARTICLE III

BRIBERY, EXTORTION, AND BETRAYAL OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES

AGAINST

DONALD JOHN TRUMP

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

RESOLVED, THAT DONALD JOHN TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, IS IMPEACHED FOR HIGH CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS, AND THAT THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE OF IMPEACHMENT BE EXHIBITED TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE:

I. CONSTITUTIONAL FOUNDATION

ARTICLE II, SECTION 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION EXPLICITLY NAMES BRIBERY AS A GROUND FOR IMPEACHMENT ALONGSIDE TREASON. THE FRAMERS PLACED BRIBERY IN THE IMPEACHMENT CLAUSE AS A RECOGNITION THAT A PRESIDENT WHO CONDITIONS OFFICIAL ACTS UPON THE RECEIPT OF PERSONAL BENEFIT – OR WHO SUBORDINATES THE NATIONAL INTEREST TO FOREIGN INTERESTS FOR PERSONAL GAIN OR POLITICAL PREFERENCE – HAS COMMITTED THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL BETRAYAL OF THE PUBLIC TRUST. THE PRESIDENT IS THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF AND PRIMARY STEWARD OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY. THE POWER ENTRUSTED TO HIM IN THAT CAPACITY IS HELD IN TRUST FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, NOT AS A PERSONAL INSTRUMENT TO BE DEPLOYED FOR PRIVATE GAIN.

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

PRESIDENT DONALD JOHN TRUMP HAS, DURING HIS SECOND TERM, CONDITIONED, THREATENED TO CONDITION, OR OTHERWISE COMPROMISED THE CONDUCT OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY IN WAYS THAT SERVE PERSONAL, FINANCIAL, OR POLITICAL INTERESTS RATHER THAN THE NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

- 1. PRESIDENT TRUMP CONDITIONED OR THREATENED TO CONDITION CONTINUED UNITED STATES MILITARY, INTELLIGENCE, AND DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE – A NATION ENGAGED IN DEFENSIVE WAR AGAINST THE ILLEGAL INVASION BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION – UPON UKRAINE'S AGREEMENT TO TERMS SERVING THE**

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL INTERESTS OF PRESIDENT TRUMP RATHER THAN THE NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES. REPORTS OF RECORD INDICATE THAT ECONOMIC CONCESSIONS, INCLUDING ACCESS TO UKRAINE'S NATURAL MINERAL RESOURCES, WERE DEMANDED AS CONDITIONS OF CONTINUED AMERICAN SUPPORT, CONSTITUTING A USE OF OFFICIAL FOREIGN POLICY AS LEVERAGE FOR PERSONAL FINANCIAL BENEFIT.

2. BY WITHDRAWING, THREATENING TO WITHDRAW, OR CONDITIONING MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE, PRESIDENT TRUMP HAS MATERIALLY BENEFITED VLADIMIR PUTIN AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION – A DESIGNATED ADVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES – IN WAYS THAT HAVE WEAKENED THE NATO ALLIANCE, ALARMED AMERICA'S CLOSEST PARTNERS, AND EMBOLDENED RUSSIAN AGGRESSION IN EUROPE, TO THE MANIFEST DETRIMENT OF AMERICAN NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS AND WITHOUT ANY COUNTERVAILING BENEFIT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.
3. PRESIDENT TRUMP HAS ADOPTED POSITIONS ALIGNED WITH THOSE OF FOREIGN ADVERSARIES, MADE PUBLIC STATEMENTS ECHOING ADVERSARY TALKING POINTS, AND TAKEN ACTIONS THAT SERVE NO LEGITIMATE AMERICAN NATIONAL SECURITY INTEREST WHILE PROVIDING TANGIBLE ADVANTAGE TO NATIONS HOSTILE TO THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES.
4. PRESIDENT TRUMP HAS CREATED THE DOCUMENTED APPEARANCE THAT HIS OFFICIAL CONDUCT OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY IS INFLUENCED BY PERSONAL FINANCIAL INTERESTS, PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH FOREIGN LEADERS, AND PERSONAL POLITICAL PREFERENCES FUNDAMENTALLY AT ODDS WITH THE NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES. HAWAII OCCUPIES A POSITION OF SINGULAR STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE IN THE INDO-PACIFIC. THE WEAKENING OF AMERICAN ALLIANCES IN THAT REGION DIRECTLY AND IMMEDIATELY THREATENS THE SECURITY OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS AND THE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS THAT ANCHOR PACIFIC DEFENSE.

III. LEGAL ANALYSIS

A PRESIDENT WHO CONDITIONS THE DEFENSE OF AN ALLY UPON PERSONAL FINANCIAL CONCESSIONS, WHO ADOPTS THE POSITIONS OF FOREIGN ADVERSARIES IN DEFIANCE OF AMERICAN NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS, AND WHO CREATES A DOCUMENTED PATTERN OF CONDUCT BENEFITING FOREIGN POWERS AT AMERICA'S EXPENSE HAS COMMITTED BRIBERY AND HIGH CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE CONSTITUTION. THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN IMPEACHABLE CONDUCT AND MERE POLICY DISAGREEMENT IS CRITICAL: WHAT IS IMPEACHABLE IS THE CORRUPT SUBORDINATION OF FOREIGN POLICY TO PERSONAL GAIN – THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE NATION'S MOST SOLEMN INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS INTO INSTRUMENTS OF PERSONAL ENRICHMENT OR POLITICAL ADVANTAGE.

IV. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, DONALD JOHN TRUMP, BY SUCH CONDUCT, WARRANTS IMPEACHMENT AND TRIAL, REMOVAL FROM OFFICE, AND DISQUALIFICATION TO HOLD AND ENJOY ANY OFFICE OF HONOR, TRUST, OR PROFIT UNDER THE UNITED STATES.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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