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To require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an audit relating to the impeachment inquiry and trial of Donald J. Trump, President of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BYRNE (for himself, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. POSEY, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. CLINE, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. BUDD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. DUNN, Mr. RIGGLEMAN, Mr. BANKS, Mr. WALKER, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. SPANO, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee, and Mr. BROOKS of Alabama) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an audit relating to the impeachment inquiry and trial of Donald J. Trump, President of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Statement of Harm
3 to the American Majority Act” or the “SHAM Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. GAO AUDIT OF THE IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY AND**
5 **TRIAL OF DONALD J. TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF**
6 **THE UNITED STATES.**

7 (a) **AUDIT.**—The Comptroller General of the United
8 States shall conduct an audit of the use of funds and loss
9 of productivity relating to the impeachment inquiry and
10 trial of Donald J. Trump, President of the United States.

11 (b) **ELEMENTS OF AUDIT.**—In carrying out the audit
12 required under subsection (a), the Comptroller General
13 shall—

14 (1) examine the costs, time spent, expenses (in-
15 cluding time individual employees spent on impeach-
16 ment related matters represented as a percentage of
17 their salary), and loss of productivity of the House
18 Committee on the Judiciary, the House Permanent
19 Select Committee on Intelligence, the House Com-
20 mittee on Financial Services, the House Committee
21 on Foreign Affairs, the House Committee on Judici-
22 ary, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform,
23 the House Committee on Ways and Means, and any
24 other committees of the House of Representatives
25 and the Senate involved in the impeachment inquiry
26 or trial;

1 (2) examine the costs, time spent, expenses (in-
2 cluding time individual employees spent on impeach-
3 ment related matters represented as a percentage of
4 their salary), and loss of productivity of the Office
5 of the Speaker of the House, the Office of the House
6 Majority Leader, the Office of the House Minority
7 Leader, the Office of the House Majority Whip, the
8 Office of the House Minority Whip, the Office of the
9 Senate Majority Leader, the Office of the Senate
10 Minority Leader, and any other House or Senate
11 leadership offices or support offices involved in the
12 inquiry or trial;

13 (3) examine the costs, time spent, and expenses
14 (including time individual employees spent on im-
15 peachment related matters represented as a percent-
16 age of their salary) for floor operations relating to
17 the impeachment inquiry and trial for the House of
18 Representatives and Senate;

19 (4) examine the costs, time spent, and expenses
20 (including time individual employees spent on im-
21 peachment related matters represented as a percent-
22 age of their salary) of Senators and members of the
23 House and their personal office staff relating to the
24 impeachment inquiry and trial; and

1 (5) examine the costs, time spent, expenses (in-
2 cluding time individual employees spent on impeach-
3 ment related matters represented as a percentage of
4 their salary), and loss of productivity of utilized staff
5 of Federal agencies complying with requests of the
6 investigation and conduct of the trial, including the
7 Office of the White House Counsel.

8 (c) REPORT.—The Comptroller General shall issue a
9 report to the Congress containing all findings and deter-
10 minations made in carrying out the audit required under
11 subsection (a), including an estimation of the total cost
12 of the impeachment inquiry and trial no later than 180
13 days after enactment of this Act.

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