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Urging the Vice President and the Cabinet to fulfill their duties pursuant to Section 4 of the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LOFGREN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Urging the Vice President and the Cabinet to fulfill their duties pursuant to Section 4 of the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Whereas, Section 4 of the 25th Amendment states that “Whenever the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive departments or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting President”; and

Whereas, President Donald J. Trump has exhibited an alarming pattern of behavior and speech causing concern

that a mental disorder may have rendered him unfit and unable to fulfill his Constitutional duties: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) urges the Vice President and the Cabinet to
3 quickly secure the services of medical and psy-
4 chiatric professionals to examine the President to as-
5 sist in their deliberations under the 25th Amend-
6 ment to determine whether the President suffers
7 from mental disorder or other injury that impairs
8 his abilities and prevents him from discharging his
9 Constitutional duties; and

10 (2) strongly encourages the Vice President and
11 the Cabinet to take immediate action pursuant to
12 the 25th Amendment and report to Congress as out-
13 lined in that Amendment.

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