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Impeaching Kimberly A. Cheatle, Director of the United States Secret Service,
for high crimes and misdemeanors.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2024

Mr. STEUBE (for himself, Ms. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. OGLES, Mr. SELF, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. BANKS, Mr. FRY, Mr. MILLS, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved*, That Kimberly A. Cheatle, Director of the
2 United States Secret Service, 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 Kimberly A. Cheatle, Director of the
9 United States Secret Service, in maintenance and support

1 of its impeachment against her for high crimes and mis-
2 demeanors.

3 ARTICLE I: DERELICTION OF DUTY

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5 The Constitution provides that the House of Rep-
6 resentatives “shall have the sole Power of Impeachment”
7 and that civil Officers of the United States, including the
8 Director of the Secret Service, “shall be removed from Of-
9 fice on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason,
10 Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors”. In her
11 conduct as Director of the Secret Service, Kimberly
12 Cheatle has negligently failed to uphold the agency’s mis-
13 sion and statutory charge to “ensure the safety and secu-
14 rity” of “protectees, key locations, and events of national
15 significance”. Under section 3056 of title 18, United
16 States Code, the Secret Service is tasked with providing
17 protection to former Presidents as well as “major Presi-
18 dential candidates”.

19 On July 13, 2024, President Donald Trump, a
20 former President and a “major Presidential candidate”
21 under the statutory definition, was the target of an assas-
22 sination attempt at a speech in Butler, Pennsylvania. By
23 Providence alone, President Trump survived the attempt
24 on his life while being grazed by a bullet that injured his
25 ear. Tragically, a rally attendee, Corey Comperatore, was
26 fatally struck by a bullet in the attack.

1 The attacker was able to access the roof of a building
2 approximately 130 yards away with an unobstructed line
3 of sight to President Trump on the event stage. He then
4 fired multiple rounds aimed at President Trump before
5 being neutralized by counter snipers.

6 In a media interview, Director Cheattle noted that nei-
7 ther Secret Service personnel nor local law enforcement
8 secured the roof of the building due to a slight slope at
9 the roof's apex. She stated, "That building in particular
10 has a sloped roof at its highest point. And so, you know,
11 there's a safety factor that would be considered there that
12 we wouldn't want to put somebody up on a sloped roof.
13 And so, you know, the decision was made to secure the
14 building, from inside.". Due to this failure, the shooter
15 was able to access the roof unimpeded by personnel
16 charged with site security. Director Cheattle also stated in
17 the interview that "the buck stops with me".

18 Despite initial denials, Secret Service leadership re-
19 portedly denied requests for enhanced security for Presi-
20 dent Trump repeatedly over the past two years. Reports
21 indicate that senior officials rejected several requests for
22 additional agents, magnetometers, and counter snipers for
23 outdoor events.

24 Under Director Cheattle's leadership, the United
25 States Secret Service has turned its focus away from solely

1 providing the best protection services possible for
2 protectees to meet arbitrarily set diversity hiring quotas.
3 While already facing significant hiring and retention chal-
4 lenges, the Director established a goal for 30 percent of
5 all recruits to be female by 2030. While the mission of
6 the agency is to provide protection to its protectees, Direc-
7 tor Cheatle chose to focus on the gender of recruits instead
8 of their fitness for the job.

9 Through these actions, Director Cheatle has dem-
10 onstrated a neglect for her duty to lead the Secret Service
11 in a manner that provides effective protection to
12 protectees, including President Donald Trump.

13 Wherefore, Kimberly A. Cheatle, by such conduct,
14 warrants impeachment and trial, and removal from office
15 and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor,
16 trust, or profit under the United States.

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