

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 935

Condemning the commutation of Michael Conahan granted by President Biden
on December 12, 2024.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 19 (legislative day, DECEMBER 16), 2024

Mr. COTTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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by President Biden on December 12, 2024.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE COM-**

3 **MUTATION OF MICHAEL CONAHAN GRANTED**

4 **BY PRESIDENT BIDEN ON DECEMBER 12, 2024.**

5 It is the sense of the Senate that—

6 (1) President Joseph R. Biden undermined the
7 rule of law and robbed victims of justice, when he
8 issued the commutation of Michael Conahan on De-
9 cember 12, 2024;

1 (2) Michael Conahan was a judge convicted of
2 accepting kickbacks in exchange for his role in sen-
3 tencing more than 2,300 children to private juvenile
4 detention centers;

5 (3) this commutation is a reprehensible insult
6 to the victims of Michael Conahan;

7 (4) the action of the President is made yet
8 more outrageous by his failure to individually review
9 Michael Conahan's case;

10 (5) President Biden acted contrary to the origi-
11 nal intent of the Presidential pardon power to cor-
12 rect specific and limited failures in the criminal jus-
13 tice system; and

14 (6) the Senate condemns this commutation and
15 condemns the process by which it was approved.

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