

# CONGRESSIONAL INTEGRITY PROJECT

**To:** Interested Parties  
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**Re:** MAGA House Republicans' Mayorkas Impeachment Is A Political Stunt  
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*After yet another delay, MAGA House Republicans plan to present their articles of impeachment against DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to the Senate next week. Despite over a year of investigation, the MAGA House GOP has failed to find any evidence of high crimes or misdemeanors whatsoever by the Secretary. The MAGA majority in the House of Representatives proceeded to impeach the Secretary while simultaneously refusing to consider bipartisan solutions to address the problems at the border.*

*This impeachment is nothing but a political stunt – from stalling the movement of the articles to the Senate for almost two months to refusing to even come to the table to consider bipartisan solutions to the problems at the border. MAGA House Republicans continue to prove Trump's priorities are more important to them than those of the American people. They have not spent a single second addressing issues like health care or the cost of living, instead focusing their attention and time on political stunt after political stunt.*

## **The baseless impeachment of Secretary Mayorkas is this week's MAGA political stunt**

- **MAGA House Republicans spent the entire year investigating Secretary Mayorkas and did not find [a single shred of evidence](#) of high crimes or misdemeanors.** The Secretary has not violated any laws, nor has he refused to uphold or enforce U.S. immigration law. The Constitution clearly states that impeachment is limited to high crimes and misdemeanors, not [policy disagreements](#) – a fact that has been reaffirmed by countless legal experts and documentation from the founders. [According to](#) the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service, documentation from the Constitutional Convention supports the view that “congressional disagreement with a President’s policy goals is not sufficient grounds for impeachment.”
  - This impeachment stunt has been preplanned and pre-determined since day one. House Homeland Security Committee chairman Mark Green and MAGA extremist Marjorie Taylor Greene called the impeachment a guarantee before it even started and [fundraised](#) off the topic.
- **This impeachment is opposed on a bipartisan basis.** High-profile conservative voices – including their own prior impeachment witness and at least seven Republican Senators – have admitted that they see no grounds for impeachment nor any evidence of wrongdoing by Secretary Mayorkas. Congressional Republicans, commentators, and former [Homeland Security secretaries](#) know this impeachment is baseless, a waste of

time, and nothing but a political stunt. House Republicans' first attempt at impeaching the Secretary failed and their second attempt still had three members [vote against](#) the impeachment.

- Senate Republicans have also expressed skepticism of impeaching Secretary Mayorkas. Senator Kevin Cramer (R-ND) [called](#) impeaching Secretary Mayorkas “the worst, dumbest exercise and use of time.” Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT) [said](#) he “would be inclined to dismiss” impeachment charges against Secretary Mayorkas. Senator Jerry Moran (R-KS) [said](#) that impeachment “is never the answer just to disagreements on policy.” Senator Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) also [called](#) impeaching Mayorkas a “waste of time.” Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) [both criticized](#) the impeachment, saying it is deterring Congress from their important work, Murkowski [admitted](#) she has not “seen anything that the House has presented to us that would rise to an impeachable offense of high crimes and misdemeanors”.
- **MAGA House Republicans have waited almost two months to move forward the articles of impeachment to the Senate for a trial and have delayed yet again.** After pushing back presenting the articles another week, MAGA House Republicans continue to demonstrate that this is nothing but a political stunt and not a legitimate way to address the problems at the border. If the issue was as urgent as MAGA Republicans claim it is, they would have acted immediately to have their [MAGA-favorite impeachment managers](#) move the articles forward.
  - Republicans are only using border policy as an [endless crisis issue](#) to campaign on, prolonging the issue, at Donald Trump’s [request](#). Republicans like Rep. Troy Nehls have even said the quiet part out loud, [admitting](#) Republicans won’t address the issues and help President Biden’s approval ratings by passing bipartisan border security legislation. Senator Kevin Cramer [said](#) they are happily abusing the Constitution to use something as historically grave as impeachment as nothing more than a cheap campaign tactic.
- **The Republican Mayorkas [impeachment managers](#) include Trump’s hand-picked MAGA loyalists, election deniers, and conspiracy theorists.** It’s no surprise that the MAGA GOP picked some of the least credible members to present their latest political stunt to the Senate and shows just how deeply unserious they are. Their managers include far-right figures, election deniers, and members who directly worked to overturn the 2020 election or hold ties to extremist groups and continue to push fringe conspiracy theories. The impeachment managers are some of the most far-right of the House, including;
  - Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, one of the top January 6th conspirators. She was a key figure working in Congress to overturn the results in Donald Trump’s favor. She [relentlessly](#) spreads lies about the 2020 election being “stolen.”
  - Homeland Security Committee Chairman, Mark Green, who [voted](#) against the certification of the Electoral College and [joined](#) an amicus brief seeking to throw out the votes in four key states won by Joe Biden. He was also one of the

members who was [texting](#) Mark Meadows about overturning the election.

- January 6th insurrection planner, Rep. Andy Biggs – one of the most extreme Republicans in the House who exhibits his “[unwavering loyalty](#)” to the former President.
- And more, including Reps. Clay Higgins, Harriet M. Hageman, Ben Cline, Michael Guest, Andrew Garbarino, August Pfluger, Laurel Lee, and Michael McCaul. [Read about them here.](#)