

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE
RESOLUTION 23

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution condemning states taking Donald J. Trump off the ballot for the Presidential election under false pretenses; and calling on the Secretary of State to take President Joe Biden off of the Oklahoma Ballot.

WHEREAS, the states of Colorado and Maine have ruled that Donald J. Trump, the presumed Republican candidate for President, would not be included on their ballots for President on the basis that he is guilty of insurrection, a crime for which Donald J. Trump has never been formally accused or convicted. If United States citizens were disqualified for office because of arguing against the injustices of our nation, then practically no politician in history would be allowed on a ballot for President; and

WHEREAS, every United States citizen is given the presumption of innocence until proven guilty, and the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled in the past that the antiquated insurrection provision of the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution, a provision explicitly targeting armed insurrectionist rebels of the U.S. Civil War, would not only require a guilty conviction but the defendant would not

1 fall under the provision until his or her appeal process is fully
2 exhausted; and

3 WHEREAS, arguing against the outcome of an election, including a
4 Presidential election, is not a new thing, especially for those who
5 watched any television at all following the November 2000
6 Presidential election or following recent gubernatorial elections in
7 Georgia and several past Presidential elections, some of which even
8 involved those currently derided alternate electors; and

9 WHEREAS, President Joe Biden has failed in his duty to protect
10 the sovereignty of this nation by practically abandoning the
11 enforcement of its southern border while at the same time spending
12 millions and billions of taxpayer dollars defending the borders of
13 Turkey, Ukraine, and other countries, some of that money being spent
14 on actually building border walls in Turkey, under the philosophy
15 that their countries are in danger of becoming nonexistent because
16 of broken borders; and

17 WHEREAS, President Joe Biden intentionally allowed Title 42 to
18 expire, knowing this would significantly compromise the security on
19 this nation's southern border, allowing millions of people to flood
20 across the border, bringing crime, disease, terrorism, and many
21 other threats unchecked into this country and exposing Oklahomans
22 daily to unnecessary dangers; and

23 WHEREAS, Joe Biden, as Vice President, used a billion dollars of
24 taxpayer money to force the termination of a Ukrainian prosecutor
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1 who at the time was investigating and planning to prosecute the
2 corrupt Ukrainian company, Burisma, where Joe Biden's son worked at
3 that time; and

4 WHEREAS, President Joe Biden oversaw the catastrophic withdrawal
5 from Afghanistan, seen by many as the most humiliating military
6 blunder in U.S. history, where 13 American soldiers and hundreds of
7 innocent Afghans were killed, while also leaving behind billions of
8 dollars in U.S. military assets now in the hands of the Taliban.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
10 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

11 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature calls on the Secretary of
12 State to remove Joe Biden from the ballot for United States
13 President on the basis that he has used his offices to benefit
14 himself and his family; used his offices and the taxpayer dollars
15 over which he had control to protect his family; failed to address
16 severe economic conditions, many of which were directly caused by
17 his attack on American energy; and failed to protect this nation on
18 its southern border from criminals, drug traffickers, human
19 traffickers, and terrorists that can take advantage of the nation's
20 fluid border to cause harm and present significant risks to law-
21 abiding Oklahomans.

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