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Impeaching John Deacon Bates, a judge of the United States District Court
for the District of Columbia, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 2025

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

RESOLUTION

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District Court for the District of Columbia, for high
crimes and misdemeanors.

1 *Resolved*, That John Deacon Bates, a judge of the
2 United States District Court for the District of Columbia,
3 is impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors, and that
4 the following article of impeachment be exhibited to the
5 Senate:

6 Article of impeachment exhibited by the House of
7 Representatives of the United States of America in the
8 name of itself and of the people of the United States of
9 America, against John Deacon Bates, a judge of the
10 United States District Court for the District of Columbia,

1 in maintenance and support of its impeachment against
2 him for high crimes and misdemeanors.

3 ARTICLE I

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5 John Deacon Bates, a judge of the United States
6 District Court for the District of Columbia, engaged in
7 a pattern of conduct that is incompatible with the trust
8 and confidence placed in him as a Federal judge, as fol-
9 lows:

10 Judge Bates ordered the Centers for Disease Control
11 and Prevention (CDC), the Department of Health and
12 Human Services (HHS), and the Food and Drug Adminis-
13 tration (FDA) to restore socially divisive and destructive
14 LGBTQI+ content on taxpayer subsidized government
15 webpages, in contravention of Executive Order 14168
16 (January 20, 2025):

17 Judge Bates, in granting a temporary restraining
18 order to the far-left organization, Doctors for America, ar-
19 gued that “by removing long relied upon medical resources
20 without explanation, it is likely that the [sic] each agency
21 failed to ‘examine the relevant data and articulate a satis-
22 factory explanation for its action’”. He further argued
23 that the agencies did not consider “the substantial reliance
24 by medical professionals on the removed webpages”.

25 Judge Bates failed to consider that these webpages
26 maintained informational resources on gender affirming

1 care—better described as the intentional surgical or chem-
2 ical castration of children—and that at no time in the his-
3 tory of the American judicial system, until very recently,
4 would judges have considered the purposeful damage to
5 the bodies of healthy young men and women to be a com-
6 pelling or even legitimate health concern. To the contrary,
7 it is the opinion of this Congress that the continued social-
8 ization of this grave moral evil necessitates immediate ac-
9 tion against those who would promote it.

10 Accordingly, Judge John Deacon Bates, has engaged
11 in conduct so utterly lacking in intellectual honesty and
12 basic integrity that he is guilty of high crimes and mis-
13 demeanors, is unfit to hold the office of Federal judge,
14 and should be removed from office.

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