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# H. RES. 265

Condemning the Trump administration for the use of an unauthorized method of communicating highly sensitive or potentially classified information regarding a United States military operation via the messaging platform “Signal”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2025

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Armed Services, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## RESOLUTION

Condemning the Trump administration for the use of an unauthorized method of communicating highly sensitive or potentially classified information regarding a United States military operation via the messaging platform “Signal”.

Whereas Vice President J.D. Vance used an unauthorized method of communicating highly sensitive or potentially classified information regarding a United States military operation via the messaging platform “Signal”;

Whereas the Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth used an unauthorized method of communicating highly sensitive or potentially classified information regarding a United States military operation via the messaging platform “Signal”;

Whereas the Secretary of State Marco Rubio used an unauthorized method of communicating highly sensitive or potentially classified information regarding a United States military operation via the messaging platform “Signal”;

Whereas the Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard used an unauthorized method of communicating highly sensitive or potentially classified information regarding a United States military operation via the messaging platform “Signal”;

Whereas Presidential Advisor Stephen Miller used an unauthorized method of communicating highly sensitive or potentially classified information regarding a United States military operation via the messaging platform “Signal”;

Whereas the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs Mike Walz used an unauthorized method of communicating highly sensitive or potentially classified information regarding a United States military operation via the messaging platform “Signal”;

Whereas the Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent used an unauthorized method of communicating highly sensitive or potentially classified information regarding a United States military operation via the messaging platform “Signal”;

Whereas the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency John Ratcliffe used an unauthorized method of communicating highly sensitive or potentially classified information re-

garding a United States military operation via the messaging platform “Signal”;

Whereas the National Security Council official Brian McCormack used an unauthorized method of communicating highly sensitive or potentially classified information regarding a United States military operation via the messaging platform “Signal”;

Whereas the White House Chief of Staff Susie Wiles used an unauthorized method of communicating highly sensitive or potentially classified information regarding a United States military operation via the messaging platform “Signal”;

Whereas the National Security Council official Steve Witkoff used an unauthorized method of communicating highly sensitive or potentially classified information regarding a United States military operation via the messaging platform “Signal”;

Whereas members of the administration may not have properly documented highly sensitive and potentially classified information in accordance with chapters 21, 29, 31, and 33 of title 44, United States Code (commonly known as the Federal Records Act), enacted in 1950;

Whereas foreign adversaries have previously accessed and consistently attempt to access highly sensitive and classified information relevant to United States National Security, such as China’s successful 2024 attempt to infiltrate the United States Treasury and Russia’s targeting of United States military plans and sensitive data, notably through operations like Moonlight Maze and espionage activities such as the Arc Electronics case, which include cyberattacks and illegal technology exports;

Whereas top members of the administration used a publicly available commercial platform to form a “small group”, communicate highly sensitive or potentially classified information, and discuss openly their intentions, at risk of access by foreign adversaries;

Whereas the administration has in prior instances violated Federal law and basic guidance on handling of classified information, such as the President’s improper storage of classified documents at “Mar-a-Lago”; and

Whereas members of the administration discussed highly classified information regarding a United States military operation outside of a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility, also known as a SCIF: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) condemns the administration for risking our  
3       national security by potentially exposing highly sen-  
4       sitive or potentially classified information to United  
5       States foreign adversaries like China and Russia,  
6       who have in the past have successfully accessed  
7       highly sensitive and confidential information per-  
8       taining to United States national interests;

9               (2) condemns the administration for putting  
10      American servicemembers’ lives at risk by discussing  
11      military operations in an unsecured, unclassified set-  
12      ting and sharing this information with at least one  
13      nongovernmental party;

1           (3) calls on the administration to review its pro-  
2           cedures and systems for the communication of clas-  
3           sified information;

4           (4) calls on the administration to investigate all  
5           communication methods being used by members of  
6           the administration and ensure they are aligned with  
7           proper procedure as it pertains to the communica-  
8           tion of classified or highly sensitive information;

9           (5) calls on the administration to initiate an in-  
10          vestigation to uncover if any members of the admin-  
11          istration violated any Federal laws regarding the  
12          communication of classified information;

13          (6) calls on the administration to hold any and  
14          all members of the administration accountable to the  
15          full extent of the law if any Federal laws were vio-  
16          lated by members of the administration pertaining to  
17          the communication of classified information;

18          (7) calls on the administration to investigate on  
19          how many instances the National Security Council  
20          or any other relevant executive branch officials has  
21          used the “Signal” messaging service or any other  
22          messaging service application that has not been ap-  
23          proved for the transmission of highly sensitive or  
24          classified information;

1           (8) calls on the administration to ensure all  
2       members of the administration are communicating  
3       highly sensitive or classified information inside a  
4       SCIF to ensure members of the administration do  
5       not endanger United States National Security by  
6       communicating classified information through im-  
7       proper channels; and

8           (9) calls on the administration to inform all  
9       members of the administration that the communica-  
10      tion of classified information outside of a SCIF, is  
11      strictly prohibited and that any members of the ad-  
12      ministration found to violate this procedure will be  
13      removed from office and subsequently be punished in  
14      accordance with any and all applicable laws per-  
15      taining to the communication of classified informa-  
16      tion.

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