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# H. RES. 996

Impeaching Kristi Lynn Arnold Noem, Secretary of Homeland Security, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 14, 2026

Ms. KELLY of Illinois (for herself, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. OMAR, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SORENSEN, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. FROST, Mr. VASQUEZ, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. RANDALL, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. MIN, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. MCBRIDE, Ms. TOKUDA, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. BELL, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. DEXTER, Mr. COHEN, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. BALINT, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. PETERSEN, Ms. MORRISON, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. FRIEDMAN, Mr. TONKO, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. POCAN, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Ms. ELFRETH, Ms. RIVAS, Ms. BROWN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. AMO, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. SIMON, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. KEATING, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. MCGARVEY, Ms. TITUS, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mrs. TORRES of California, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. MFUME, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Mr. CASAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Impeaching Kristi Lynn Arnold Noem, Secretary of Homeland Security, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

1       *Resolved*, That Kristi Lynn Arnold Noem, Secretary  
2 of Homeland Security of the United States of America,  
3 is impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors, and that  
4 the following articles of impeachment be exhibited to the  
5 United States Senate:

6       Articles 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 Kristi Lynn Arnold Noem, Secretary of  
10 Homeland Security of the United States of America, in  
11 maintenance and support of its impeachment against her  
12 for high crimes and misdemeanors.

13               ARTICLE I: OBSTRUCTION OF CONGRESS

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15       The Constitution provides that the House of Rep-  
16 resentatives “shall have the sole Power of Impeachment”  
17 and that civil Officers of the United States, including the  
18 Secretary of Homeland Security, “shall be removed from  
19 Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason,  
20 Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors”. In her  
21 conduct while Secretary of Homeland Security, Kristi  
22 Lynn Arnold Noem, in violation of her oath to support  
23 and defend the Constitution of the United States against  
24 all enemies, foreign and domestic, to bear true faith and  
25 allegiance to the same, and to well and faithfully discharge

1 the duties of her office, has willfully and systematically  
2 refused to comply with the law, in that—

3           (1) Kristi Lynn Arnold Noem willfully violated  
4 Public Law No. 118–47 which states no funds ap-  
5 propriated to Department of Homeland Security  
6 “may be used to prevent” “a Member of Congress”  
7 “from entering, for the purpose of conducting over-  
8 sight, any facility operated by or for the Department  
9 of Homeland Security used to detain or otherwise  
10 house aliens” and to comply with Section 527 of the  
11 fiscal year 2024 Department of Homeland Security  
12 Appropriations Act, as incorporated in Public Law  
13 No. 118–47, which specifically provides that it may  
14 not “be construed to require a Member of Congress  
15 to provide prior notice of the intent to enter a De-  
16 partment of Homeland Security facility” used to de-  
17 tain or otherwise house noncitizens “for the purpose  
18 of conducting oversight.”.

19           (2) Without any congressional revision to the  
20 text of Section 527, Kristi Lynn Arnold Noem im-  
21 plemented a scheme on May 13, 2025, to require no-  
22 tice “a minimum of seven (7) calendar days in ad-  
23 vance to schedule visits to Department of Homeland  
24 Security detention facilities,” absent authorization  
25 by the Secretary. In an attempt to hide Department

1 of Homeland Security activities, Members of Con-  
2 gress continued to be refused entry to Department  
3 of Homeland Security facilities in incidents such as:

4 (A) On July 8–9, 2025, a Representative  
5 from Texas requested to visit the El Paso Serv-  
6 ice Processing Center. Immigration and Cus-  
7 toms Enforcement refused to accommodate the  
8 July 9 oversight visit because she did not pro-  
9 vide the required seven days’ advance notice,  
10 and she was denied entry on July 9, 2025.

11 (B) On July 20, 2025, a Representative  
12 from Colorado attempted an oversight visit to  
13 the ICE detention facility in Aurora, Colorado.  
14 ICE denied him entry on the basis that he had  
15 not provided seven calendar days’ advance no-  
16 tice.

17 (C) On July 7, 2025, a Representative  
18 from California sought to inspect the Los Ange-  
19 les ICE Field Office. ICE refused to permit the  
20 visit, asserting that the facility was not a “de-  
21 tention facility” subject to Section 527 over-  
22 sight, despite noncitizens being held at the fa-  
23 cility, pursuant to Section 527.

24 (D) On June 17, 2025, a Representative  
25 from New York attempted to visit the New

1 York ICE Field Office. ICE refused to permit  
2 the visit, asserting that the facility was not a  
3 “detention facility” subject to Section 527 over-  
4 sight, despite noncitizens being held at the fa-  
5 cility, pursuant to Section 527.

6 (E) On July 21, 2025, Representatives  
7 from Colorado, Mississippi, and Maryland ar-  
8 rived at the Washington ICE Field Office in  
9 Chantilly, Virginia to conduct oversight after  
10 learning that individuals were being held there.  
11 ICE refused to permit the visit, asserting that  
12 the facility was not a “detention facility” sub-  
13 ject to Section 527 oversight, despite nonciti-  
14 zens being held at the facility, pursuant to Sec-  
15 tion 527.

16 (F) On August 30, 2025, a Representative  
17 from Washington visited the Northwest ICE  
18 Processing Center in Tacoma, Washington to  
19 conduct Congressional oversight. Upon arrival,  
20 they were denied entry without explanation.

21 (3) Kristi Lynn Arnold Noem’s willfully violated  
22 the Impoundment Control Act of 1974 where, under  
23 her supervision, the Federal Emergency Manage-  
24 ment Agency withheld funds obligated by Congress.  
25 According to Government Accountability Office re-

1 port B-337204.2, FEMA withheld funding for the  
2 Emergency Food and Shelter Program and the Shelter  
3 and Services Program in violation of the Impoundment Control Act. When the Government Accountability Office contacted Secretary Noem, her  
4 team refused to provide additional information on  
5 the funds withheld.  
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8 ARTICLE II: VIOLATION OF PUBLIC TRUST  
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10 The Constitution provides that the House of Representatives  
11 “shall have the sole Power of Impeachment”  
12 and that civil Officers of the United States, including the  
13 Secretary of Homeland Security, “shall be removed from  
14 Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason,  
15 Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors”. In her  
16 conduct while Secretary of Homeland Security, Kristi  
17 Lynn Arnold Noem, in violation of her oath to well and  
18 faithfully discharge the duties of her office, has breached  
19 the public trust, in that:

20 (1) Kristi Lynn Arnold Noem has repeatedly  
21 violated the Immigration and Nationality Act, the  
22 First and Fourth Amendments of the United States  
23 Constitution, and due process rights of American  
24 citizens by directing Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
25 to make widespread warrantless arrests,  
26 forgo due process, and use violence against United

1 States citizens, lawful residents, and other individ-  
2 uals. Kristi Lynn Arnold Noem engaged in this con-  
3 duct by the following means.

4 (A) In October 2025, a United States Dis-  
5 trict Court Judge from the Northern District of  
6 Illinois found that Immigration and Customs  
7 Enforcement had arrested 22 individuals with-  
8 out a warrant in violation of the Castañon Nava  
9 settlement agreement in early 2025.

10 (B) In September of 2025, ICE raided  
11 7500 S. South Shore Drive in Chicago, claim-  
12 ing that the building was occupied by members  
13 of the transnational crime organization, Tren  
14 de Aragua. During the warrantless raid, Fed-  
15 eral agents used military-style tactics to raid  
16 apartments, dragging United States citizens,  
17 military veterans, and seniors out of their  
18 apartments in zip ties and detaining residents,  
19 several U.S. citizens, for hours. After the raid,  
20 residents returned to damaged apartments and  
21 stolen items.

22 (C) On October 22, 2025, ICE agents used  
23 tear gas on children having a Halloween parade  
24 in Chicago, violating order No. 25 C 12173  
25 issued by U.S. District Court Judge, Sara Ellis

1           restricting ICE and Customs and Border Pro-  
2           tection agents from using non-lethal munitions  
3           without warning and justification. Another vio-  
4           lation of U.S. District Judge Ellis’ order came  
5           on October 14, 2025, ICE and CBP agents  
6           used tear gas on a peaceful crowd. The crowd  
7           had formed after a Federal agent crashed into  
8           a vehicle. After Chicago police arrived on the  
9           scene, responding to reports of a car accident,  
10          ICE agents deployed tear gas on residential  
11          streets and near a grocery store. This exposed  
12          police officers, elderly adults, and children as  
13          young as 1 to harmful gases.

14                 (D) Masked and militarized patrols of Fed-  
15          eral agents have taken to the streets of Chicago  
16          as part of “Operation Midway Blitz” in a sys-  
17          temic violation of rights at the direction of  
18          Kristi Lynn Arnold Noem. These agents used  
19          excessive force, including, shooting an unarmed  
20          United States citizen in Chicago who was part  
21          of a convoy of civilian vehicles following Federal  
22          agents. According to body camera footage, an  
23          agent driving next to the vehicles was yelling  
24          obscenities and struck the victim’s car—pro-  
25          ceeding to fire five shots at the unarmed driver.

1           The Department of Homeland Security, under  
2           Kristi Lynn Arnold Noem, falsely accused the  
3           victims of aggressively driving into the Federal  
4           agents despite video evidence.

5           (E) On January 7, 2026, an ICE agent  
6           fired his weapon at a vehicle attempting to get  
7           out of the way of agents, killing the driver, a  
8           U.S. Citizen. Despite video showing the officer  
9           on the side of the vehicle while firing and the  
10          vehicle was moving away from the officer on the  
11          second and third shots, Kristi Lynn Arnold  
12          Noem is claiming publicly that the officer was  
13          in danger and in front of the vehicle when he  
14          fired.

15                           ARTICLE III: SELF-DEALING

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17          (a) Kristi Lynn Arnold Noem has violated 5 CFR pt.  
18          2635, Misuse of Position by using her position for per-  
19          sonal gain while inappropriately using taxpayer dollars,  
20          when:

21                  (1) Kristi Lynn Arnold Noem is using her posi-  
22          tion to circumvent the Federal contracting process  
23          and funneling Federal funds to her friends' busi-  
24          nesses. Kristi Lynn Arnold Noem used the cover of  
25          a national emergency to bypass the competitive bid-  
26          ding process and direct Federal dollars to close asso-

1 ciates. Secretary Noem used taxpayer dollars to fund  
2 a \$200 million ad campaign for recruiting ICE  
3 agents Kristi Lynn Arnold Noem used the “national  
4 emergency” declared at the southern border to by-  
5 pass the normal contract process, which included  
6 competitive bidding, to award multi-million dollar  
7 contracts to republican-led ad agencies. One such  
8 contractor which was formed days prior to the  
9 award, subcontracted with the Strategy Group, a  
10 company run by the husband of senior DHS official,  
11 Tricia McLaughlin and a close friend of Kristi Lynn  
12 Arnold Noem.

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