

The long war in Iraq, the brutal occupation, the destruction of that country, the death toll of Iraqis and Americans, the waste of national wealth on war, the creation of a presidential dictatorship, the violations of the Constitution, the deception of the public – all add up unquestionably to “high crimes and misdemeanors” – the Constitutional requirement for impeachment. The cowardice in a Democratically-controlled Congress constitutes collaboration with those crimes and misdemeanors. History will judge both parties harshly, but we cannot wait for history’s judgment. The judgment must be made now, as forcefully as possible, in defense of the people of Iraq and the people of the United States. I applaud the powerful effort made here today to bring the issue of impeachment before the public, to dramatize it, to insist that it be put high on the national agenda.

- Howard Zinn, author of “The Logic of Withdrawal from Vietnam” and “A Peoples’ History of the United States” – Boston, Massachusetts

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I regret I am unable to attend this evening, but also I send my strong endorsement for impeachment of Bush-Cheney, and a strong message of support for Betty Hall and her HR 24, with hope that by its passage NH will rally the nation to reclaim our Constitution and democracy.

- Professor Noam Chomsky, Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Cambridge, Massachusetts

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There are many regrets that I'm not a citizen of New Hampshire and a member of its Legislature, but my chief regret tonight is that I'm not allowed to vote for Betty Hall's House Resolution 24 to commence impeachment procedures in the U.S. Congress. At our founding, New Hampshire was essential. At our preservation, it is even more so. Vote to restore our unique democracy.

- Edward Asner, Humanitarian, Artist, former president of Screen Actors Guild – Los Angeles, California

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As a former constitutional lawyer and author of a book and articles on constitutional history, as a former negotiator of international agreements, as an observer of five years of preemptive war violating the UN Charter, violations of the Geneva Conventions, violations of domestic laws prohibiting torture, violations of rights of speedy trial and protections against cruel and unusual punishment or unreasonable search and seizure, as an observer of systematic and regular signing statements refusing to honor the balance of powers or simply to enforce laws of which the president or vice president disapprove — or may in the future disapprove — thereby effectively nullifying Articles I and III of the

constitution, I believe that impeachment for high crimes and misdemeanors is abundantly warranted. This is such a strong case that were I to be in front of a jury again, with these overwhelming facts and these unequivocal laws, I would have every confidence of two convictions. I believe that a fair and reasonable Congress, acting upon the same facts and same laws, would reach the same conclusion.

- Craig Barnes, B.A., M.A., J.D., Author, Playwright and Producer of “A Nation Deceived” – Santa Fe, New Mexico

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If Congress won't bring charges of impeachment against George W. Bush and his accomplices, we need to ask ourselves this question: “Why is the impeachment clause still in our Constitution?” If we're not going to use it to impeach a president, and vice president, who have trashed the law, and trampled on our rights, and mounted a campaign of lies to start a catastrophic war, and let a major US city drown, and rigged two presidential races, and transformed the federal government into a brutal partisan machine – if they can do all that – and more – and get away with it, what is the point of hanging on to the impeachment clause? It's obviously useless, and creates false expectations; so we should plan a Constitutional Convention, and delete that passage from our founding document.

But if we really care about that Constitution, and so believe that the United States ought not to be an empire, or a monarchy, but a republican democracy, *we have no choice* but to impeach those criminals who lord it over us, and terrorize the world. Unless the Congress brings them all to trial as soon as possible – before they steal the next election, too – we cannot claim to be the nation that our Founders made unique, and for which so many of our people bled and died.

- Mark Crispin Miller, Author of “Fooled Again: How the Right Stole the 2004 Election and Why They'll Steal the Next One Too – Unless We Stop Them;” “The Bush Dyslexicon;” “Boxed In: The Culture of TV;” and the film production “A Patriot Act” – New York City

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Representative Betty Hall of Brookline is bringing pride and responsibility to New Hampshire and the Nation through her filing of HR 24. It is in the best tradition of a strong and independent people that the New Hampshire House has the opportunity this Wednesday to send the strong message that the citizens of this state will not countenance deceit, lying, torture, denial of civil rights, abrogation of treaties and – most importantly – the destruction of the Constitution of the United States by its elected leaders. The Constitution provides the remedy to hold its leaders accountable for “high crimes and misdemeanors” – that remedy is IMPEACHMENT. HR 24 calls upon the House,

under provisions in the Jefferson Manual, to begin an IMPEACHMENT investigation. HR 24 will help correct a deficiency in the body politic of the U. S. House of Representatives – it will lend some backbone.

Over the past number of months I have worked with Betty Hall, along with many others, to bring this legislation to this point. The journey has been extraordinary and always fueled by Betty's courage and determination. Though I now reside in Maine, my roots are in Manchester, New Hampshire where I grew up and I value those formative years. I return to New Hampshire to endorse Representative Hall's H. R. 24 as a very proud native son.

■ Herbert J. Hoffman, Candidate for U.S. Senate – Maine – Phone 207.646.5431

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I'm pleased to endorse and support Betty Hall and New Hampshire House Resolution 24, to "Commence Impeachment Procedures Against George Bush and Richard Cheney in the U.S. Congress."

The passage of this bill on April 16th will be historic, and the date of New Hampshire's affirmation of our constitution will stand as a signal moment in the history of our United States.

The facts of George Bush, Dick Cheney, and the Bush administration's conscious and calculated and deliberate violations of the laws of our country, and of international laws, are indisputable. The evidence is massive and should prosecute the president and vice president. Almost every American knows the three primary criminal actions: that they knowingly lied our nation to war against Iraq, they approved torture of human beings in contravention of U.S. and international laws, and they engaged in illegal, warrant less surveillance of Americans' phone conversations and electronic mail communications. The conduct of Bush and Cheney requires response and action immediately, and thanks to the vision of Thomas Jefferson's Rule 603, the State of New Hampshire is able to direct congress to initiate impeachment proceedings.

So we see Wednesday, April 16th, as the moment when New Hampshire's House of Representatives has within its hands the opportunity to restore justice and reclaim democracy in the United States. New Hampshire can be the salvation of our nation, and it is my fervent prayer that our national commonwealth will prevail over the forces of a unitary executive.

May the representatives of the state of New Hampshire rise to the call of HR 24, and to the good of our United States, and may the needs of our precious world, be met at long last.

■ Robert A. Feuer, Candidate for Congress – First District of Massachusetts – Stockbridge – Phone 413.298.4749

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I am very pleased to support NH State Representative Betty Hall and her HR 24, a bill to impeach Bush and Cheney. I am a former law professor and a lawyer in retirement. It is precisely the issue of impeachment to save the Constitution and our republican form of government that compelled me to run for the US House against Republican Christopher Shays in Connecticut's 4th District this year.

I hold that Rep. Shays has not kept the portion of his oath of office pledging him to defend the Constitution against its domestic enemies. His voting record since 2000 suggests that 9/11 panicked him into believing that whatever measures Mr. Bush wanted were necessary. In 2002 Rep. Shays voted for 82% of the President's bills, whereas otherwise he voted on the President's side more than 60% of the time only twice, in 2001 and 2003, and in 2007 supported Bush on only 33% of votes. His misplaced faith in Mr. Bush from 2001 to 2003 is lamentable, but worse are the facts that he does not seem to have realized how wrong Bush and he were, how vulnerable he was to deception, and how much he has rationalized in the interests of the imperialism and militarism that are destroying our hold on our Constitution.

So far Rep. Shays has only admitted that he was wrong that there were weapons of mass destruction, and has blamed our criminal policies in Iraq on Cheney and Rumsfeld, saying that had Powell's advice been followed, all would have been well. He argues that our primary error was disbanding the Iraqi army, police force, and border guards without admitting that this implies we should not have invaded. He maintains, in violation of the UN Charter, that US policy makers should always be capable of preemptive strikes, and should be believed to be capable of them. His position, therefore, is not consistent with Article 6 of the Constitution.

On separate grounds Rep. Shays appears not to be disturbed by the unconstitutional suspension of habeas corpus or by violations of the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 14th amendments. I conclude that he has not upheld his oath of office.

Unlike Shays, Betty Hall stands squarely for impeachment, for the Constitution and for republican government. I thank her and her supporters in New Hampshire for fighting as they have to save our nation from a criminal executive, and a gutless Congress.

■ Richard Duffee, Candidate for Congress – Fourth District of Connecticut – Stamford  
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Betty Hall and her HR 24 are what being from NH is all about; fierce independence against Bush-Cheney tyranny; real guts; patriotic ideals of justice for all the people, not just the rich and powerful; protecting our military from abuse by the few, for the few; and keeping faith with our Founding Fathers beliefs that the fight for American freedom and the Constitution never ends, not even at home. I know NH will support Betty and HR

24. Once New Hampshire's people know all the facts of Bush-Cheney crimes, they will demand impeachment. I am a Maine native and grew up near the Hampshire border. My family has lived in NH for generations. I took my first school teaching and ski coaching job in NH and graduated from New Hampshire's only law school. With Bode Miller and men's Olympic ski racing gold medalist Bill Johnson, I have helped the NH Brain Injury Association and the Bill Johnson Foundation raise over \$65,000 for the NH brain injury community since 2003, including funds for NH's brain injured Iraq war vets. I know NH can and will do what's right. Betty loves NH and its live free or die culture. She is telling us all that unless we stand up for HR 24, and bills like it across the nation and in Congress now, there may be no live free or die future in NH, or anywhere else. Our federal government is overrun with criminals that aim to destroy our freedom. HR 24 is only the beginning. Once passed, it will be the historic spark that compels the US House to investigate by the constitutionally mandated impeachment process the crimes that are killing NH, the Constitution and the country every day. All of us who put nation above self for our children must stand and be counted by supporting Betty Hall and HR 24.

■ Harold Burbank, Candidate for Congress – Fifth District of Connecticut – Canton – Phone 860.693.2697

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Finally, former intelligence officers and others are letting the country know how the president's men and the woman met frequently in the White House Situation Room to approve specific torture techniques. The *dramatis personae*: Dick Cheney (long since dubbed "Vice President for Torture" by the *Washington Post*), Donald Rumsfeld, Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice, George Tenet, and John Ashcroft – with Ashcroft feeling queasy enough to ask: "Why are we talking about this in the White House? History will not judge this kindly."

He got that right!

Initial reports in the corporate-owned media tried lamely to show that the torturer's apprentices had been careful to keep President George W. Bush out of the loop. But Bush himself promptly blew that one out of the water, proudly announcing that he was fully aware his aides were meeting on the subject.

Of course he was fully aware. HE AUTHORIZED THE TORTURE.

Richard Clarke has written that on the evening of 9/11 Bush made his views quite clear to Clarke and others: "I don't care what the international lawyers say, we are going to kick some ass." There was a small problem. Neither Rumsfeld's nor Tenet's people were willing to perform torture without written authorization signed by the president.

So Bush did something he will live to regret. He decided to go with the lawyerly language served up by David Addington, Vice President Dick Cheney's counsel, in late January 2002. On Feb. 7, 2002, the president signed the smoking-gun memorandum authorizing

torture.

It's a safe bet the president did not read the language closely enough to see that there was simply no way to square torture practices with either Geneva or the War Crimes Act (18 U.S. Code 2441), passed in 1996 by a Republican-controlled Congress. Bush boldly stating in his Feb. 7, 2002 action memorandum: "I determine that common Article 3 of Geneva does not apply to either al-Qaeda or Taliban detainees." (Common Article 3 bans "torture and outrages upon personal dignity, in particular humiliating and degrading treatment.") He went on to order that detainees be treated "humanely... to the extent appropriate and consistent with military necessity."

That's not what Geneva and the U.S. War Crimes Act say. Indeed, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on June 29, 2006 (in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*) that Geneva DOES apply to al-Qaeda and Taliban detainees, with Justice Anthony Kennedy pointedly warning that "violations of Common Article 3 are considered 'war crimes.'"

So there it is (right on the web) – the Feb. 7th, 2002 smoking-gun torture authorization signed by the president. He may not have taken part in every vote on which torture technique to use on whom, but he was far from insulated. Rather his memorandum provides documentary evidence of Bush's self-appointed role as torturer-in-chief. In this case, it is unusually clear where the buck stopped.

High Crimes? Of course! Impeachment? The Constitution requires it!

- Ray McGovern, Army Infantry/Intelligence officer 1961-1964 – CIA Analyst 1964-1990 – Phone 703 994 1459

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As representative of Northeast Impeachment Coalition, I fully support and applaud NH Rep. Betty Hall's petition HR 24 to commence procedures to impeach Pres. George W. Bush and Richard Cheney in the U.S. Congress.

Though I live in Massachusetts, my roots run deep in New Hampshire. I am the direct descendant of two Revolutionary War officers from NH: Capt. Sam Paine of Lebanon, NH (cousin to Citizen Tom Paine, author of *Common Sense*) and Col. Jonathan Chase of Cornish, NH (later General). Politics is not my forte, but as a Daughter of the American Revolution, my love of my country mandates that I do whatever necessary and lawful under the U.S. Constitution to preserve what our ancestors fought for, and the reason all Americans came to our great land, namely freedom as detailed in our Bill of Rights. This Administration has violated the 1st, 4th and 6th Amendments, and it's apparent they intend to march right over all the Rights of Mankind.

Betty Hall's HR 24 beautifully restates the best reasons for impeachment and support of the Rule of Law. Through Jefferson's Manual, Section 603, New Hampshire is placed in an honored and unique – as well as a timely and crucial – position, to do what our negligent Congress has refused to do: honor the oath of office to preserve, protect and defend our

Unites States Constitution. Because the New Hampshire Legislature will not allow a petition to languish in committee and because the representatives themselves are positioned as servants of the citizens of New Hampshire (versus highly paid politicians) they are the very best of a democratic citizenry.

For these reasons, I trust the good Representatives of the Citizens of New Hampshire will take a stand for democracy in this country, properly enact their Oaths of Office, and vote in support of HR 24.

- Susan Paine Serpa, Organizer for Northeast Impeachment Coalition – Worcester, Massachusetts – Phone Cell 508.243.4473 – 508.752.9220

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To Members of the New Hampshire Legislature,

You have an historic opportunity on April 16th to help restore our faith in government, to restore the rule of law and return to being a nation of high moral values.

I write to urge all members of the New Hampshire legislature to vote for HR 24 to Commence Impeachment Procedures Against President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard Cheney in the U.S. Congress. Both of these officials have abused the power of their office numerous times, and these abuses are part of the public record, which makes their impeachment your clear duty, and the duty of the United States Congress.

I took an oath of office to defend the Constitution when I filed my papers for candidacy. I'm sure you take that oath as seriously as I do, and unless we uphold that oath and begin investigations of the actions of Vice President Cheney, we are failing in our loyalty to the United States. To allow crimes to be committed by public servants holding the highest offices of our country is to be complicit in those crimes.

Investigations of Vice President Cheney must start immediately, before he does further damage to our constitution, treasury, armed forces, domestic security and our nation's reputation in the world. By passing HR24 you are telling Congress to act now, which over 50% of the citizens in our country believe is necessary.

Our nation needs to know the truth about what appear to be high crimes and misdemeanors committed by Vice President Cheney. Unless and until that happens, the citizens of the United States will continue to mistrust and lose faith in our government and in the White House. We cannot let stand the continual lying and deception practiced by the Bush Administration. Our citizens deserve a Vice President and President who respect and uphold the law. You have my gratitude for your patriotism.

- Cynthia Papermaster, Candidate for Congress – Thirteenth District of California – Berkeley – [cynthia\\_papermaster@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthia_papermaster@yahoo.com)

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**UGHT TO PASS. New Hampshire State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs**

**Committee:** This bill is a petition to the US House of Representatives to commence impeachment procedures. Under Section 603 of Jefferson’s Manual of Parliamentary Practice, a state legislature may bring this action. Many citizens and several representatives of the NH House of various political persuasions and parties, Republicans, Libertarians, Independents and Democrats, appeared before the committee in favor of this resolution. It appears to be not only bi-partisan but also multi-partisan. This resolution does not impeach the president, but requests that the US House begin an investigation regarding the various grievances of the petitioners. It is not our prerogative in the NH House to argue the merits of the grievances, or to seek proof of their validity, indeed that is the purpose of the impeachment inquiry in the US House. Impeachment is a tool of accountability – part of the checks and balances process of our democracy – which is available to the citizens in our democracy. The people have a right to petition their representatives and we have a duty to respond and act – regardless of the timing, convenience, political expediency or other concerns which are secondary to the preservation of the democratic process. We believe the process of impeachment should be exercised to maintain accountability in the office of the Presidency. When HR24 passes the House, HR 24 will be enacted as a petition, transmitted to Congress as a directive from the State level to the U.S. Congress.

- Rep. Eleanor Glynn Kjellman, for the Minority Committee of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

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Betty Hall is a great patriot in the tradition of our greatest founder, Thomas Paine. Along with one of the greatest congressmen in history, Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio, Ms. Hall stands when no one else will, in an act of great courage, to set our nation right again. We suffer in Bush and Cheney an administration that conducts illegal wiretaps of U.S. citizens, monitors all email and phone calls, and engages in torture in violation of our constitution and international law. Not content with that, they did away with habeas corpus, a concept that’s nearly 900 years old, older than the Magna Carta, and a foundation of democracy. Our president and vice president have given themselves the power to gather everyone of us here, put us in trucks and take us away to be confined, without any of our families and loved ones knowing where we are, with no phone calls permitted, where we can be tortured and “disappeared” forever. That is un-American and it’s sure not free. We consider our country is in a state of crisis today, right now, and the Bill of Rights and our entire constitution are hanging by a thread. Worse, the evidence now available shows that both presidential elections in 2000 and 2004 were stolen, and therefore we do not even enjoy democracy in our United

States. Our great country is mutated into an oligarchy in which all of us are ruled by those few in the top tenth of one percent of our population.

What's to be done? The first thing is to impeach and remove Bush and Cheney from office for high crimes and misdemeanors. You don't measure patriotism by the size of the flag outside the car dealer or the burger joint, or by stickers on cars. The measure of patriotism is in our treatment of the least among us, and in an overriding, abiding concern for our commonwealth.

No representatives would be in Concord if they did not feel an obligation to serve the people. Now it's time to rise to their obligation, because they have in their hands the ability to save our United States. Let their love of family and our great commonwealth be their guide, and they will be remembered in history as the body that said, "We are a nation of laws, and we insist the laws be followed." Let it be said of them, they made the bold move to restore justice and reclaim democracy throughout the USA. This is their obligation. Our country and our constitution compel them to come forward now, for the sake of New Hampshire, the sake of our United States, and for the sake of our world. Time is running out, and I implore you to move now, today, before it's too late.

- Stuart Hutchison, Organizer for New Jersey Impeach Groups – [ImpeachThem.com](http://ImpeachThem.com) – Wayne NJ – Phone 973.694.5035 – Cell 862.226.6939 – 117 Chestnut Drive, Wayne NJ 07470-5639

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We undersigned candidates for Congress support HR 24. We believe there are strong signs that the U.S. government will bomb Iranian nuclear facilities before the end of April. While we appreciate Rep. John Conyers' recent statement that an attack on Iran will lead him to open impeachment hearings, we believe that opening them BEFORE an attack is urgent, in order to prevent WW III.

Impeachment is long overdue. We the undersigned are running for Congress on an impeachment platform, because invading another country – Iraq – on the basis of lying to Congress is impeachable, along with many other actions of Bush and Cheney. We believe they have ignored and overridden the Constitution many times over, as well as violating international treaties that are the supreme law of our land.

As candidates, we took an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. All incumbents take the same oath, yet they keep impeachment off the table. They violate the oath of office.

We urge current members of Congress to start impeachment proceedings at once. We accuse those who will not do this of bad faith, and call them oath breakers. We pledge to make their lack of action on impeachment a central issue this election year.

- Carol Wolman, MD – Green candidate for Congress, CA District 1,
- Robert Feuer — Democratic candidate for Congress, Massachusetts District 1 –
- Kathy Cummings, Green candidate for Senate, Illinois –
- Laurie Dobson, Independent candidate for Senate, Maine –
- Samm Sampson, Democratic candidate for Congress, Florida District 10 –
- Carol Brouillet, Green candidate for Congress, California District 14 –
- Chris Lugo, Independent candidate for Senate, Tennessee –
- Eugene Ruyle, Peace and Freedom candidate for Congress, California District 10 –
- Craig Hill, Democratic candidate for Congress, Vermont District 1 –
- Jack Shannon, Candidate for Congress, New York –
- Harold Burbank, Green candidate for Congress, Connecticut District 5 –
- Richard Duffee, Green candidate for Congress, Connecticut District 4 –
- John M. Wages, Jr., Green Candidate for Congress, Mississippi District 1 –
- David J. Kalbfleisch, Green Party candidate for U.S. House, Illinois District 10 –
- Vic Roberts, Green Party Congressional Candidate, Illinois District 19 –
- Dan Reale, Libertarian candidate for Congress, Connecticut District 2

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