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Whereas, on Wednesday, January 6 of 2021, an armed mob of domestic enemies attacked the United States Capitol building with the intent to violently disrupt the certification of the electoral college vote;

Whereas, the mob threatened to harm and kill elected members of Congress, the Vice President of the United States and Capitol staff, menaced and intimidated media professionals, stole classified materials, destroyed federal property and compromised national security;

Whereas, this attempted insurrection caused the deaths of five people, including a US Capitol Police officer beaten with a fire extinguisher, and injuries to more than 50 other police officers;

Whereas, members of the mob came prepared for violence, wearing military gear and carrying police and military tactical equipment, two-way radios, bear mace and zip-tie restraints, indicating planning and coordination in advance;

Whereas, pipe bombs were planted in front of the Republican National Committee and Democratic National Committee Headquarters just minutes before the invasion on the Capitol began;

Whereas, a red pickup truck with firearms, Molotov cocktails and homemade napalm bombs near the Capitol was discovered on the day of the attack;

Whereas, the domestic terrorists, with ties to extreme far-right anti-government, neo-Nazi and white supremacist groups, brought the Confederate flag into the Capitol for the first time ever, a traitorous act of betrayal to the United States of America;

Whereas, Ali Alexander, one of the main organizers behind the attempted coup, traveled around the country recruiting leaders, spreading lies about the election and encouraging violence, including stating on December 25, 2020, "I am the last stop before the civil war";
FOR REFERENCE: <https://twitter.com/Real_QL/status/1348804468893118464/photo/1>

Whereas, the insurrection's organizers and supporters included state and national elected officials, who publicly incited, promoted, and applauded the individuals who illegally stormed the Capitol building;

Whereas, Mr. Alexander has directly implicated Representative Mark Finchem of Legislative District 11 as crucial to growing support for an insurrection;
FOR REFERENCE: <https://twitter.com/Real_QL/status/1349297541574115329?s=20> "Arizona started with one man. Mark Finchem"

Whereas, on November 30, 2020, Representative Finchem abused the privilege of his office by holding a sham hearing that produced no credible evidence to justify overthrowing the will of 3.4 million voters in Arizona by elevating falsehoods, conspiracies and lies about the integrity of the presidential election in the state;
FOR REFERENCE: <https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/elections/2020/11/30/republican-lawmakers-arizona-hold-meeting-rudy-giuliani/6468171002/>

Whereas, Mr. Alexander held a rally at the Arizona State Capitol on December 19, 2020, where he publicly advocated for violence absent of the overthrowing the results of a fair and free election, including chanting, "1776 is always an option";
FOR REFERENCE: <https://twitter.com/Real_QL/status/1348834463271145480?s=20>

Whereas, Representative Mark Finchem promoted and spoke at the Arizona rally on December 19, using a quote out of context by former President Abraham Lincoln, that was later invoked by the January 6 domestic terrorists;
FOR REFERENCE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iNIL7fVjgi0&feature=youtu.be>
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/legal-issues/capitol-riot-arrests-coffman-mostofsky/2021/01/12/634441e0-54f4-11eb-a08b-f1381ef3d207_story.html>

Whereas, Representative Finchem at the same rally praised Congressman Paul Gosar, who Mr. Alexander has also implicated in the planning of the attack and whose very own brother has accused of treason, in the movement to overturn the election;
FOR REFERENCE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iNIL7fVjgi0&feature=youtu.be>

Whereas, on January 3, 2021, Representative Finchem promoted the insurrection on the Capitol via social media and called for others to join;

Whereas, on the eve of the insurrection, Representative Finchem promoted and participated in a rally where Mr. Alexander incited the crowd to chant "Victory or death," and then stated, "We're starting a rebellion against the deep state";

Whereas, on January 6, 2021, Representative Finchem participated in the march, publishing a photo from the Capitol Steps as it coalesced into a violent mob;
FOR REFERENCE: <https://tucson.com/news/local/tim-stellers-opinion-after-fomenting-insurrection-in-d-c-rep-finchem-must-be-removed/article_a50ac379-604d-547b-9dc9-822597ab3dbc.html>
<https://twitter.com/JayBarbuto/status/1351276851272904705>

Whereas, since at least 2014, Representative Finchem has been a member of the Oath Keepers, a far-right group with a well-documented history of domestic terrorism and violence against the government, and whose founder threatened to hang Arizona's former US Senator John McCain in 2015;
FOR REFERENCE: <https://www.inmaricopa.com/mark-finchem-arizona-house-candidate/>
<https://thedgt.org/gop-rep-mark-finchem-of-ld11-is-a-member-of-a-right-wing-militia/>
<https://talkingpointsmemo.com/livewire/stewart-rhodes-hang-john-mccain>

Whereas, one of the leaders of the Oath Keepers has been charged by federal prosecutors with conspiracy for plotting the attack on the Capitol at least five days before the insurrection, and members of the group participated in the riot at the Capitol on January 6;
FOR REFERENCE: <https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/19/politics/oath-keepers-capitol-riot-charges/index.html>

Whereas, Representative Finchem has failed to denounce these domestic enemies, and further, has sought to conceal the consequences of his actions by promoting a baseless conspiracy blaming leftists that has been disproven by federal law enforcement agencies, further gaslighting the public;
FOR REFERENCE: <https://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/news/arizona-mark-finchem-doubles-down-on-defending-capitol-rioters-11524876>

Whereas, Representative Finchem has a documented history of pushing conspiracies that blame the left for violence by white nationalists, including deflecting blame for neo-Nazi violence at the Unite The Right rally in Charlottesville in 2017 that resulted in one death and several injuries;
FOR REFERENCE: <https://www.huffpost.com/entry/mark-finchem-charlottesville-march-democrat-deep-state_n_5c99305fe4b0f7bfa1b540f9>
<https://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/news/rep-mark-finchem-oathkeepers-charlottesville-deep-state-conspiracy-11249452>

Whereas, Representative Finchem participated in, advocated for, and solicited others to join the march on the Capitol that disrupted the certification of the electoral college vote, threatened the democratic process, and placed elected officials, staff, and law enforcement officers at risk;

Whereas, each elected member of the Arizona House of Representatives takes an oath to defend the laws and Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Arizona and defend them against all enemies foreign and domestic;

Whereas, an elected official who advocates for the overthrow of the government of this state or of any of its political subdivisions by force, violence or terrorism, shall be discharged from office and guilty of a felony;

Whereas, an elected official who commits or aids in the commission of any act to overthrow the government of this state or of any of its political subdivisions, by force, violence or terrorism shall be discharged from office and guilty of a felony;

Whereas, Section 3 of the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution bars from public office any individual who commits insurrection and rebellion;

Therefore be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

1. That the House of Representatives finds that Representative Finchem's conduct was dishonorable and unbecoming of a member of the House of Representatives.

2. That Representative Finchem's conduct undermined the public's confidence in this institution and violated the order and decorum necessary to complete the peoples' work in the State of Arizona.

3. That in the exercise of the power granted to it by Article IV, part 2, section 11, Constitution of Arizona, the House of Representatives condemns any who participated in, encouraged, and incited the events of January 6, and with concurrence of two-thirds of its members, hereby expels Representative Mark Finchem.