

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 347

Reps. Carra and Maddock offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to urge Congress to investigate the Federal  
2 Bureau of Investigation for political corruption and significantly  
3 decrease the Bureau's budget, and to urge the Bureau and the United  
4 States Department of Justice to release the full and unredacted  
5 search warrant and supporting affidavit for the August 8, 2022,  
6 search of President Donald Trump's home.

7       Whereas, The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) plays a  
8 pivotal role in protecting this nation from both domestic and  
9 international threats, including some of the most dangerous threats  
10 to democracy: corruption, political suppression, and defiance of  
11 the rule of law. To carry out its goal to "[c]ombat public  
12 corruption at all levels," the FBI must not merely enforce the law,  
13 but actively ensure it is enforcing the law evenhandedly, to guard

1 against becoming the very criminals they seek to destroy; and

2       Whereas, Throughout its history, the FBI has repeatedly  
3 strayed from its mission and its mandate from Congress, becoming a  
4 tool of political influence against individuals of all political  
5 persuasions, including those in power and average citizens. In the  
6 1920s, FBI agents were used to spy on members of Congress who  
7 opposed the President's policies and actions in the Teapot Dome  
8 scandal. J. Edgar Hoover, who served as the Director of the FBI for  
9 48 years, performed political favors for both Republican and  
10 Democratic administrations, such as pursuing Communists during the  
11 McCarthy era, disrupting anti-Vietnam War organizations, collecting  
12 blackmail on Martin Luther King, Jr., and attempting to discredit  
13 the civil rights movement; and

14       Whereas, Congress has the power and the will to defend  
15 constitutional rights against the abuse of power by the FBI, as  
16 demonstrated by its vigorous oversight and investigation of the FBI  
17 in response to instances of corruption. The most famous of these  
18 investigations, the Church Committee, led to the establishment of  
19 the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, the passage of the  
20 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), the creation of the  
21 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC), and internal  
22 reforms of federal agencies; and

23       Whereas, The FBI has gone to extraordinary lengths and  
24 utilized unlawful means to oppose Republicans seeking office in  
25 recent years. In 2017, the FBI included information from the Steele  
26 dossier, an unverified collection of hearsay and lies, in an  
27 affidavit before the FISC. Based on this affidavit, the FISC  
28 granted a wiretap to investigate alleged collusion between Donald  
29 Trump's presidential campaign and the Russian government. Years

1 later, these allegations were disproved, the United States  
2 Department of Justice (DOJ) declared that these FISA warrants were  
3 legally invalid, and the FISC harshly criticized the FBI for  
4 submitting unsupported and contradicted information and withholding  
5 information detrimental to their case; and

6       Whereas, The FBI has also targeted individual Americans who  
7 disagree with Democratic politicians. In 2020, an undercover FBI  
8 informant engaged in entrapment by convincing a small group to  
9 conspire to kidnap Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer. The  
10 undercover FBI agent was second in command of the group plotting  
11 the kidnapping, took time off of work to meet with them, suggested  
12 they use an encrypted messaging app, and contacted the group nearly  
13 every day. Entrapment, the practice of convincing or tricking  
14 people into committing crimes they would not otherwise commit, is  
15 forbidden to prevent overzealous criminal investigations, like the  
16 FBI's investigation in this case; and

17       Whereas, The FBI's inaction in cases against Democrats reveals  
18 its political bias. The FBI has failed to adequately investigate  
19 Hunter Biden's business dealings with Chinese and Ukrainian  
20 entities accused of bribery and his plans to hold equity in a  
21 Chinese company for his father, President Joe Biden. The FBI has  
22 ignored the clear possibility that President Biden has been unduly  
23 influenced or corrupted by his son's activities, instead focusing  
24 on Hunter Biden's possible tax and firearms violations; and

25       Whereas, The FBI's double standard has been highlighted by its  
26 unequal enforcement of laws about handling classified documents.  
27 While she was Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton improperly and  
28 illegally used a personal email server for work-related emails,  
29 including emails classified as top secret. Rather than seizing the

1 email servers, investigators gave the Secretary time to voluntarily  
2 give her email servers to the United States DOJ, despite stalling  
3 for months. Secretary Clinton's lawyers then deleted 33,000 emails  
4 and "cleaned their devices in such a way as to preclude complete  
5 forensic recovery." Despite characterizing Secretary Clinton as  
6 "extremely careless in [her] handling of very sensitive, highly  
7 classified information," the FBI declined to recommend criminal  
8 charges against her. In contrast, when President Donald Trump  
9 improperly and illegally retained documents that should have been  
10 given to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA),  
11 including documents classified as top secret, the FBI acquired a  
12 search warrant and seized documents from the President's home, even  
13 though President Trump had complied with NARA's previous requests  
14 for documents; and

15       Whereas, Congress has two powerful tools under the *United*  
16 *States Constitution* to combat corruption in the executive branch:  
17 the power of oversight and the power of the purse. When those with  
18 certain beliefs are above the law and those with other beliefs are  
19 singled out for harsher treatment or illegally punished for their  
20 thoughts, democracy cannot long endure. Congress has a moral and  
21 constitutional duty to act to preserve the American people's First  
22 Amendment rights to think for themselves, speak for themselves, and  
23 associate with whom they will, especially the rights of those with  
24 whom they disagree; now, therefore, be it

25       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge  
26 Congress to investigate the Federal Bureau of Investigation for  
27 political corruption and significantly decrease the Bureau's budget  
28 following their unprecedented raid of a President's home on August  
29 8, 2022; and be it further

1       Resolved, That we urge the Federal Bureau of Investigation and  
2 United States Department of Justice to release the full and  
3 unredacted search warrant and supporting affidavit for the August 8  
4 search of President Donald Trump's home; and be it further

5       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
6 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the  
7 President of the United States Senate, the members of the Michigan  
8 congressional delegation, the Director of the Federal Bureau of  
9 Investigation, and the Attorney General of the United States.