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STATE OF ILLINOIS

The Senate of the State of Illinois to Governor Rod R. Blagojevich:

Whereas, the Illinois House of Representatives on the 14th day of January, 2009, exhibited to the Senate an article of impeachment against you as follows:

ARTICLE OF IMPEACHMENT EXHIBITED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE NAME OF ITSELF AND THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AGAINST ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, IN MAINTENANCE OF THE IMPEACHMENT OF HIM FOR CAUSE.

ARTICLE ONE

Based on the totality of the evidence contained in the Record of the House Special Investigative Committee created under House Resolution 1650 (the "Committee Record") and as summarized in the Final Report of the Special Investigative Committee filed with the House of Representatives on January 8, 2009 (the "Final Report"), in his conduct while Governor of the State of Illinois, Rod R. Blagojevich, has abused the power of his office in some or all of the following ways:

1) The Governor's plot to obtain a personal benefit in exchange for his appointment to fill the vacant seat in the United States Senate, as more fully detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-A and in the Committee Record as a whole.

2) The Governor's plot to condition the awarding of State financial assistance to the Tribune Company on the firing of members of the Chicago Tribune editorial board, as more fully detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-B and in the Committee Record as a whole.

3) The Governor's plot to trade official acts in exchange for campaign contributions, namely the signing of legislation related to the diversion of casino gambling revenues to the horse racing industry, as more fully detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-C-1 and in the Committee Record as a whole.

4) The Governor's plot to trade official acts in exchange for campaign contributions, namely the awarding of a State tollway contract and the expansion of a tollway project, as more fully detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-C-2 and in the Committee Record as a whole.

5) The Governor's plot to trade official acts in exchange for campaign contributions, namely the release of pediatric care reimbursements to Illinois doctors and hospitals, as more fully detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-C-3 and in the Committee Record as a whole.

6) The Governor's plot to trade official acts in exchange for campaign contributions, namely the appointment to a position with the Illinois Finance Authority, as more fully detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-C-4 and in the Committee Record as a whole.

7) The Governor's plot to trade official acts in exchange for campaign contributions, namely the awarding of State contracts, as more fully detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-C-5 and in the Committee Record as a whole.

8) The Governor's plot to trade official acts in exchange for campaign contributions, namely the awarding of State permits and authorizations, as more fully detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-C-6 and in the Committee Record as a whole.

9) The Governor's refusal to recognize the authority of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules to suspend or prohibit rules, his utter disregard of the doctrine of separation of powers, and his violation of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act by unilaterally expanding a State program, as more fully detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-D and in the Committee Record as a whole.

10) The Governor's actions with regard to, and responsibility for, the procurement of flu vaccines, as more fully detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-E and in the Committee Record as a whole.

11) The Governor's actions with regard to, and responsibility for, the I-SaveRx Program, as more fully detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-F and in the Committee Record as a whole.

12) The Governor's actions with regard to, and responsibility for, the Agency Efficiency Initiatives, as more fully detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-G and in the Committee Record as a whole.

13) The Governor's violation of State and federal law regarding the hiring and firing of State employees, as more fully detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-J and in the Committee Record as a whole.

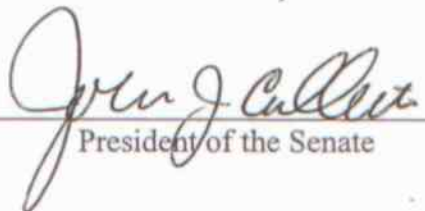
Under the totality of the evidence, some or all of these acts of the Governor constitute a pattern of abuse of power.

Wherefore, this abuse of power by Rod R. Blagojevich warrants his impeachment and trial, removal from office as Governor, and disqualification to hold any public office of this State in the future.

and demands that you, Rod R. Blagojevich, should be put to answer the accusations as set forth in that article of impeachment and such proceedings, examinations, trials, and judgments might be had thereupon as are agreeable to law and justice.

You, Rod R. Blagojevich, are therefore summoned to file an appearance with the Senate of the State of Illinois at its Chamber in the City of Springfield, on the 19th day of January, 2009, at the hours of twelve o'clock noon, and at that time file an answer to the article of impeachment. You are commanded to abide by, obey, and perform such orders, directions, and judgments as the Senate of the State of Illinois shall make in the premises according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Illinois.

Witness this 14 day of January, 2009.



President of the Senate

Attested 

Secretary of the Senate