

MESSAGING GUIDANCE
HOUSE GOP MAYORKAS IMPEACHMENT STUNT

Core Message: Secretary Mayorkas is working across the aisle to find bipartisan solutions for the border, but House Republicans are attacking him with a baseless and extreme political stunt to distract from their refusal to fund the critical border needs Mayorkas and the President have asked for.

- The immigration system has been broken for decades. The President introduced a plan to fix it on his first day in office. Congressional Republicans have refused to work on bipartisan solutions.
- Instead of playing politics and attacking a dedicated public servant, House Republicans should work with the President and Secretary Mayorkas to deliver resources and reforms.

EXPANDED TALKING POINTS

House Republicans are playing politics instead of working on real solutions.

- This impeachment is a baseless political stunt intended to distract from House Republicans’ refusal to fund additional border security measures the President and Secretary Mayorkas have asked for, including funding to:
 - Hire thousands of Border Patrol agents, asylum officers and immigration judges
 - Provide local communities more resources to handle this issue
 - Invest in new technology critical to stopping fentanyl from entering our country
- Impeaching Secretary Mayorkas will do nothing to help the American people or address the challenges at our border. It only makes it harder to fix the real problem: our broken immigration system.

This is an unprecedented political stunt motivated by the far-right extreme.

- No Cabinet official has been impeached [since the aftermath of the Civil War](#) – and constitutional experts agree that you can’t simply impeach a Cabinet secretary because you disagree with them on policy.
- This is yet another example of extreme House Republicans trampling on the Constitution in order to play politics:
 - Marjorie Taylor Greene bragged about driving this effort—repeatedly introducing articles of impeachment, and admitting she demanded impeachment as her [“dessert”](#) in exchange for voting to raise the debt ceiling.
 - The Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee was [caught fundraising](#) off of promises to impeach Mayorkas all the way back in Spring of 2023.

Republicans have criticized this political stunt.

- Former Republican Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff [called this](#) a “political stunt” that would put “form over substance” and would come at the expense of “actually working with the administration to solve the problem.”

- Senior House GOP leader Tom McClintock [gave a floor speech saying](#) there was no evidence of constitutional impeachable offenses and that House Republicans can't just impeach officials over policy disagreements.
- Rep. Ken Buck [tweeted](#): "Secretary Mayorkas did not commit an impeachable offense... He is not guilty of high crimes or misdemeanors."
- Impeaching Mayorkas was already [rejected](#) in a bipartisan vote on the House floor.

To fix our broken immigration system, Congress needs to act – not engage in political theater.

- The President introduced an immigration reform plan on his first day in office, but Congressional Republicans have refused to work on bipartisan solutions. Only Congress can fix our outdated, broken immigration laws that have gone decades without reform.
- Instead of working across the aisle on bipartisan solutions, extreme House Republicans are playing politics – refusing to fund needed measures to strengthen border security and trying to scapegoat Secretary Mayorkas, who is actually working with Senate Republicans and Democrats right now on solutions.
- House Republicans should drop these political games that do nothing to address the serious issues we face and join the Biden Administration and Democrats and some Republicans in Congress to work toward real solutions.