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S. J. RES. _____

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. HIRONO introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on _____

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JOINT RESOLUTION

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States to reaffirm the principle that no person is above
the law.

1   *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*

2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*

3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-

4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-

5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all

6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when

7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several

8 States:

1   "ARTICLE—

2   "SECTION 1. ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE LAW.

3 The Government established by this Constitution is a gov-

4 ernment of laws. Subject to the provisions of the first

5 clause of section 6 of article I, every person holding a posi-

6 tion of authority under the United States, including the

7 President and the Vice President, is accountable to the

8 law for their actions, both official and unofficial; every

9 such person is liable to prosecution and punishment in the

10 ordinary course of law. Laws of general applicability shall

11 be interpreted as applicable to the President unless other-

12 wise specified.

13   "SECTION 2. ENFORCEMENT. This article is self-

14 executing. Congress shall have plenary power to make all

15 necessary rules and regulations designed to ensure the

16 general applicability and enforcement of criminal laws, in-

17 cluding by tolling the statute of limitations applicable to

18 a violation of the law by an incumbent President for the

19 duration of the term of office of the President.".