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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to reaffirm the principle that no person is above the law.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. BUTLER, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. COONS, Mr. WELCH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KING, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Ms. SMITH, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Ms. ROSEN) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

JOINT RESOLUTION

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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*

1 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
2 States:

3 “ARTICLE—

4 “SECTION 1. ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE LAW.

5 The Government established by this Constitution is a gov-
6 ernment of laws. Subject to the provisions of the first
7 clause of section 6 of article I, every person holding a posi-
8 tion of authority under the United States, including the
9 President and the Vice President, is accountable to the
10 law for their actions, both official and unofficial; every
11 such person is liable to prosecution and punishment in the
12 ordinary course of law. Laws of general applicability shall
13 be interpreted as applicable to the President unless other-
14 wise specified.

15 “SECTION 2. ENFORCEMENT. This article is self-
16 executing. Congress shall have plenary power to make all
17 necessary rules and regulations designed to ensure the
18 general applicability and enforcement of criminal laws, in-
19 cluding by tolling the statute of limitations applicable to
20 a violation of the law by an incumbent President for the
21 duration of the term of office of the President.”.