

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. _____

Condemning the commutation of Michael Conahan granted by President Biden on December 12, 2024.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. COTTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE COM-**
3 **MUTATION OF MICHAEL CONAHAN GRANTED**
4 **BY PRESIDENT BIDEN ON DECEMBER 12, 2024.**

5 It is the sense of the Senate that—

6 (1) President Joseph R. Biden undermined the
7 rule of law and robbed victims of justice, when he
8 issued the commutation of Michael Conahan on De-
9 cember 12, 2024;

1 (2) Michael Conahan was a judge convicted of
2 accepting kickbacks in exchange for his role in sen-
3 tencing more than 2,300 children to private juvenile
4 detention centers;

5 (3) this commutation is a reprehensible insult
6 to the victims of Michael Conahan;

7 (4) the action of the President is made yet
8 more outrageous by his failure to individually review
9 Michael Conahan's case;

10 (5) President Biden acted contrary to the origi-
11 nal intent of the Presidential pardon power to cor-
12 rect specific and limited failures in the criminal jus-
13 tice system; and

14 (6) the Senate condemns this commutation and
15 condemns the process by which it was approved.