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House Republicans Vote to Impeach Department of Homeland Security Secretary

Washington, DC – On Tuesday, February 13, 2024, the House Republican majority chose to continue efforts to impeach the Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas, holding another vote which passed, 214 to 213.

American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Executive Director Ben Johnson commented, “After an embarrassing loss last week of 214 to 216, House Republicans persisted with a politically motivated effort to impeach the Secretary of Homeland Security. With three Republicans joining every Democrat, the only thing bipartisan was the opposition to impeaching Secretary Mayorkas. The accusations that Secretary Mayorkas breached ‘public trust’ continue to ring hollow given he was implementing policy as Cabinet Secretaries have done throughout American history. As the AILA Executive Committee noted in their open letter last week, ‘in no way does anything he has been accused of rise to a “high crime or misdemeanor” and countless voices have explained why, including [constitutional law scholars](#), [Republican thought leaders](#), and [the Wall Street Journal editorial board](#).’ Weaponizing the impeachment process is both unconstitutional and dangerous for the future of a functioning government. AILA continues to urge Congress to work with President Biden to [improve our immigration system](#).”

“All this political grandstanding around Mayorkas does absolutely nothing to address our challenges at the border,” said Jeremy Robbins, executive director of the American Immigration Council. “[We need solutions](#) like investing in our immigration courts and rehauling our humanitarian protections. Those pushing for this baseless impeachment don’t want solutions, just more distraction.”

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About the American Immigration Lawyers Association

Founded in 1946, the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, voluntary bar association that provides continuing legal education, professional services, information, and expertise to more than 16,000 attorneys who practice and teach immigration law.

About the American Immigration Council

The American Immigration Council is a powerful voice in promoting laws, policies, and attitudes that honor America’s proud history as a nation of immigrants. Through research and policy analysis, litigation and international exchange, the Council seeks to shape a twenty-first century vision of the American immigrant experience. In January 2022, the Council and New American Economy merged to combine a broad suite of advocacy tools to better expand and protect the rights of immigrants, more fully ensure immigrants’ ability to succeed economically, and help make the communities they settle in more welcoming.