



COMMITTEE ON  
**OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY**  
DEMOCRATS

## **No Foreign Emoluments Without Congressional Consent Act** **Representative Jamie Raskin \* Senator Richard Blumenthal**

*No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.*

Constitution of the United States, Art. I, § 9, cl. 8

In January 2024, Oversight Committee Ranking Member Jamie Raskin issued [a Democratic staff report](#) proving that, as President, Donald Trump unconstitutionally pocketed millions of dollars from at least 20 foreign countries, including China and Saudi Arabia, which sought—and often received—favours from his Administration. This stunning report demonstrated how Donald Trump put his personal financial interest above the public interest and became the only President in American history to accept payments from foreign powers without Congressional approval, in violation of the Constitution. It also made crystal clear that Congress must enact a law to prevent any presidents or senior government officials from exploiting their offices for self-enrichment.

The **No Foreign Emoluments Without Congressional Consent Act**, introduced by Ranking Member Jamie Raskin and Sen. Richard Blumenthal, would enforce the Constitution's ban on foreign emoluments by:

- Prohibiting the President, Vice President, Members of the Cabinet, Members of Congress, and other senior federal officials from accepting payments from foreign governments while in office and for two years after leaving office without first obtaining the consent of Congress.
- Prohibiting the President, Vice President, Members of the Cabinet, Members of Congress, and other senior federal officials from receiving payments directly or indirectly from foreign governments, as well as from members of royal families and from state-controlled enterprises, including through business entities that federal officials control.
- Creating civil and criminal penalties for unauthorized acceptance of foreign payments.
- Authorizing private persons to bring *qui tam* actions against the President, Vice President, Members of the Cabinet, Members of Congress, and other senior federal officials if they improperly receive, accept, or retain foreign payments.
- Requiring federal officials to include foreign payments they receive on their annual ethics disclosures.
- The legislation is endorsed by CREW and Public Citizen.