

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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Condemning the commutation of the death sentence of Marvin Charles
Gabrion II granted by President Biden on December 23, 2024.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 14, 2025

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

RESOLUTION

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Marvin Charles Gabrion II granted by President Biden
on December 23, 2024.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE COM-**
3 **MUTATION OF THE DEATH SENTENCE OF**
4 **MARVIN CHARLES GABRION II GRANTED BY**
5 **PRESIDENT BIDEN ON DECEMBER 23, 2024.**

6 It is the sense of the Senate that—

7 (1) President Joseph R. Biden undermined the
8 rule of law and robbed victims of justice when he
9 commuted the death sentence of Marvin Charles
10 Gabrion II on December 23, 2024;

1 (2) Marvin Gabrion was sentenced to death for
2 murdering 19-year-old Rachel Timmerman just 2
3 days before she was scheduled to testify that
4 Gabrion had abducted and raped her;

5 (3) Marvin Gabrion was also the prime suspect
6 in the disappearance and murder of several other in-
7 dividuals, including Rachel Timmerman's 11-month-
8 old daughter and 2 potential witnesses at his rape
9 trial;

10 (4) this commutation is a reprehensible insult
11 to the victims of Marvin Gabrion;

12 (5) President Biden claimed that he commuted
13 the death sentences of Marvin Gabrion and 36 other
14 murderers out of a principled opposition to the death
15 penalty but refused to commute the death sentences
16 of the 3 most controversial death row inmates, dem-
17 onstrating that President Biden was motivated by
18 politics, not principles; and

19 (6) the Senate unequivocally condemns this
20 commutation.

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