



## SHIMP FOR PRESIDENT 2028

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The Honorable Brian Mast  
United States House of Representatives  
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### RE: FORMAL DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

Congressman Mast:

Your own congressional biography states that, after serving in the United States Army, you **“volunteered to serve alongside the Israel Defense Forces.”** Your official congressional website also states that in October 2023 you pulled from your closet and publicly wore the uniform you had worn while volunteering with the IDF. Those are not rumors attributed to anonymous internet accounts. They are facts you have chosen to publish about yourself.

Which naturally leaves an American voter with an extraordinarily complicated question: **whom, exactly, do you represent?** Is it the citizens of Florida who elected you to the Congress of the United States, or are Americans simply expected never to question the extraordinary closeness you have publicly displayed toward the government and armed forces of another country? Apparently asking the question itself is supposed to be more controversial than a sitting Member of Congress appearing in the uniform of a foreign military.

Your campaign financing deserves the same scrutiny. Federal Election Commission records identify Mast for Congress as your principal campaign committee and document substantial receipts from political committees and individual contributors. Public trackers have attributed hundreds of thousands of dollars in AIPAC-linked direct and earmarked contributions to your campaigns across recent election cycles. Because different trackers use different definitions of “AIPAC-linked,” I will not misrepresent those

amounts as money personally paid to you. They are campaign contributions and conduit contributions reported in the federal campaign-finance system. The public is nevertheless entitled to examine those financial relationships and ask whether they have any bearing on your official positions.

Your support for Israel, standing alone, is protected political activity. Volunteering alongside the IDF, wearing an IDF uniform, or receiving lawful campaign contributions likewise does not, by itself, establish a federal crime or treason. But public officials do not acquire immunity from scrutiny merely because the underlying relationships may be lawful. When a Member of Congress combines unusually close identification with a foreign military, extensive advocacy concerning that foreign government, and significant campaign support associated with a major pro-Israel political organization, questions concerning conflicts, foreign influence, financial relationships, and national-security obligations are legitimate subjects of public accountability.

So let us dispense with the diplomatic fog. If your allegiance to Israel is so overriding that representing the interests of the United States has become secondary, you are free to resign your congressional seat and pursue whatever lawful relationship with Israel you choose. You are even free, if you independently choose, to pursue Israeli citizenship and renounce United States citizenship through the lawful process. What you are not entitled to demand is that American citizens stop asking whom their elected representatives serve.

Accordingly, I **demand your immediate resignation from the United States House of Representatives.** Whether you resign or remain in office, if I am elected President of the United States, I intend to direct an appropriately framed, lawful federal review of credible evidence concerning foreign influence, financial relationships, national-security concerns, protected information, corruption, and any other matter falling within federal jurisdiction. Such a review would authenticate evidence, determine facts, and leave investigative and prosecutorial judgments to the responsible authorities; it would not presume your guilt.

And because words matter, I will be precise about **treason**. Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution deliberately defines treason narrowly. I will not falsely characterize lawful support for Israel, lawful campaign contributions, or the wearing of an IDF uniform as treason. But actual treasonous conduct by any federal official, if supported by evidence satisfying the Constitution and federal law, must never be tolerated. The same principle applies regardless of political party, office, religion, ethnicity, or foreign country involved.

Congressman Mast, the American public is entitled to answers. Your congressional seat belongs to the people you represent, not to any donor, political organization, foreign government, or foreign military. If you cannot place that obligation beyond legitimate question, then resign.

Respectfully,

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