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I am writing to file a formal complaint against **Marco Rubio**, a member of the Florida Bar, for his involvement in actions and policies that violate his ethical obligations and constitutional duties as a licensed attorney. As a public official and a member of the bar, Rubio's conduct and affiliations must align with the Constitution and the principles of justice, equity, and fairness. However, it is my contention that Rubio has significantly deviated from these core obligations in the following ways:

1. Alignment with America First Policies and Disregard for the Constitution

Marco Rubio has actively supported and promoted the **America First** agenda, a political movement that subverts constitutional principles and promotes policies in direct conflict with fundamental rights enshrined in the U.S. Constitution. Rubio's actions in furtherance of this agenda include:

Timeline of Rubio's Involvement with America First

- **2017:** Rubio began publicly aligning himself with Donald Trump's "America First" policies, particularly in relation to the termination of DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). This included Rubio's vocal support for rescinding the DACA program, which had provided temporary protection from deportation for certain undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as children.
- **2018:** Rubio continued to support Trump's hardline immigration policies, including the family separation policy and the zero-tolerance approach to immigration enforcement. He joined forces with Trump allies in pushing legislation to restrict immigration and align U.S. policies with America First principles.
- **2020-2021:** Rubio solidified his support for the **America First PAC**, becoming an influential voice within the movement. He endorsed the PAC's agenda, which promoted nationalism, protectionism, and anti-globalism, echoing many of Trump's policies that have been widely criticized as unconstitutional.
- **2024:** Rubio was actively involved in supporting the nomination of **J.D. Vance** as Vice President under the America First movement and worked to integrate the PAC's policies into broader GOP platforms. This year marked Rubio's increasing involvement in efforts to bypass traditional democratic processes and implement policies aligned with the goals of the America First PAC, such as limiting constitutional rights and rolling back legal protections for immigrants, workers, and minorities.

Impact on Constitutional Rights and Violations of the Law

Marco Rubio's actions in support of the **America First PAC** have resulted in the violation of numerous constitutional rights:

- **Violation of First Amendment Rights:** Rubio has been complicit in the detention and potential deportation of lawful permanent residents (green card holders) and H1 visa holders based on their political speech, particularly those who have criticized former President Donald Trump or opposed policies aligned with the America First movement. These actions directly violate the First Amendment's protections for free speech and due process, affecting individuals who are entitled to the same constitutional rights as any citizen.
 - **Example 1 – Yunseo Chung:** A 21-year-old Columbia University student, lawful permanent resident, detained under policies backed by Rubio, allegedly for her participation in pro-Palestinian protests that were deemed "unfavorable" to U.S. foreign policy. The revocation of her green card is part of a broader trend of politically motivated enforcement. She was temporarily restrained from

deportation based on constitutional grounds.

- **Example 2 – Momodou Taal:** A graduate student at Cornell University who faced potential deportation under actions supported by Rubio due to his political activism. Taal was targeted for expressing anti-administration views, particularly concerning Trump's policies, leading to the revocation of his H1B visa.
- **Example 3 – Individuals in Tech Industry:** Several individuals working under H1B visas in the tech industry have had their visas revoked or faced detention after public criticism of America First policies or negative statements about Trump. This has affected employees at companies like Google, Tesla, and other tech giants with vocal employees advocating for progressive policies.
- **Example 4 – Journalists and Activists:** In 2024, several journalists and political activists who were lawful permanent residents or on H1B visas had their green cards revoked after speaking out against the policies of the Trump administration, with Rubio's policies directly tied to these decisions. These individuals, including vocal dissenters from pro-Trump policies, were targeted for their political speech.
- **Advocacy for Unconstitutional Policies:** Rubio has supported unconstitutional policies such as the termination of DACA, which has directly affected hundreds of thousands of young people who were brought to the United States as children. His participation in such actions, as well as his defense of Trump's decision to rescind DACA, constitutes a flagrant violation of the constitutional rights of individuals who rely on U.S. laws for their protection.
- **Dismantling of USAID:** In February 2025, the Trump administration, with Rubio's involvement, initiated significant reductions within the **U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)**, leading to a **federal lawsuit** filed by government workers' unions. The lawsuit claimed these actions were "unconstitutional and illegal," resulting in a "global humanitarian crisis." The dismantling of USAID undermines the United States' global leadership in providing humanitarian aid and violates the country's commitments under international law. Rubio's participation in these actions constitutes a direct violation of constitutional principles related to U.S. foreign policy and humanitarian obligations.

2. Violation of Professional Ethics

As a member of the bar, Marco Rubio is held to the highest ethical standards. His actions and affiliations demonstrate a clear disregard for these standards, specifically the ethical rules that govern lawyers' conduct. These violations include:

- **Failure to Uphold the Constitution:** According to the Florida Rules of Professional Conduct, lawyers have an ethical duty to respect the law, uphold justice, and defend the Constitution. Rubio's active participation in undermining the Constitution by aligning with and supporting America First policies that threaten democratic institutions and individual rights constitutes a direct breach of these ethical duties.
- **Affiliation with Unconstitutional Organizations:** The Florida Bar's ethical guidelines prohibit lawyers from associating with organizations that do not support the Constitution. Rubio's membership in and support for the **America First** PAC and associated groups, which work to subvert democratic institutions and constitutional rights, violates this principle. His affiliation with such organizations calls into question his commitment to upholding the Constitution and his fitness to remain in good standing with the Florida Bar.
- **Engagement in Actions Contrary to the Public Good:** Rubio has supported policies that not only violate constitutional rights but also harm vulnerable populations, including immigrant communities and other marginalized groups. These actions, which involve abandoning established legal protections and promoting harmful political rhetoric, run counter to the principles of justice that lawyers are sworn to uphold.

3. Deep State Allegations

The term "**deep state**" is commonly used by political actors to refer to a shadowy group of bureaucrats, intelligence agencies, or other unelected officials who are purportedly working behind the scenes to manipulate government policy in ways that undermine elected officials, particularly in support of globalist or left-wing agendas. While often used in conspiracy theories, it has been widely discussed in connection with efforts to delegitimize the federal government's institutions, including the intelligence community, the judiciary, and regulatory bodies.

Marco Rubio has frequently alluded to the existence of a deep state, particularly in the context of undermining President Trump's administration and the America First policies. His repeated insinuations that government agencies are controlled by a hidden, non-elected power structure working against the public good aligns with the broader **America First** narrative. This rhetoric stirs distrust in U.S. institutions, impedes transparency, and furthers the erosion of public trust in democratic systems.

4. Violation of Florida Bar Rules on Integrity and Professional Conduct

Rubio's continued advocacy for policies that are clearly unconstitutional, as well as his role in promoting actions that violate fundamental rights, raises serious concerns about his professional integrity and fitness to practice law. These actions undermine public trust in the legal system and tarnish the reputation of the legal profession. By associating with the America First movement and supporting policies that contravene the Constitution, Rubio is not acting in accordance with the integrity required of all lawyers.

5. Interference with Florida Senate Recount

In the aftermath of the **2018 Florida Senate election**, Rubio alleged, without evidence, that Democrats were attempting to fraudulently influence the recount process. He claimed that "Democrat lawyers" were present not to ensure every vote was counted but to manipulate the outcome and suggested Broward County officials were engaged in unspecified legal violations. Subsequent investigations found **no evidence of voter fraud** or criminal activity. This unfounded interference with the democratic process not only undermines public confidence in elections but also reflects a disregard for due process and fairness—principles central to the legal profession.

Conclusion

Marco Rubio has repeatedly shown a disregard for the U.S. Constitution, violating ethical and professional standards as a licensed attorney. His alignment with and promotion of the America First movement, which seeks to undermine constitutional protections and promote unconstitutional policies, represents a serious breach of his obligations as a member of the Florida Bar. Furthermore, his actions in revoking green cards and H1B visas based on political speech, dismantling USAID, and interfering with the Florida Senate recount further exemplify his blatant disregard for constitutional rights.

Given his actions, I respectfully request that the Florida Bar investigate this matter thoroughly and take appropriate disciplinary action. Rubio's behavior, if left unaddressed, not only endangers the public interest but also undermines the integrity of the legal profession.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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