

AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 863, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. IVEY OF MARYLAND

Page 2, line 20, strike “In his” and all that follows
through page 20, line 17, and insert the following:

1 There is no evidence that constitutes grounds for the
2 impeachment of Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas based
3 on the constitutional standard for impeachment.

4 Former Secretary of Homeland Security Michael
5 Chertoff recognized that there is no valid basis for the im-
6 peachment of Secretary Mayorkas and that doing so would
7 fail to advance border security. On January 28, 2024,
8 Chertoff wrote, “Political and policy disagreements aren’t
9 impeachable offenses. The Constitution gives Congress the
10 power to impeach federal officials for treason, bribery and
11 ‘other high Crimes and Misdemeanors’. That’s a high bar.
12 [. . .] As homeland security secretary under President
13 George W. Bush—and as a former federal judge, U.S. at-
14 torney and assistant attorney general—I can say with con-
15 fidence that, for all the investigating that the House Com-
16 mittee on Homeland Security has done, they have failed
17 to put forth evidence that meets the bar. This is why Re-
18 publicans aren’t seeking to hold Mr. Mayorkas to the Con-
19 stitution’s ‘high crimes and misdemeanors’ standard for

1 impeachment. [. . .] Impeachment is a diversion from fix-
2 ing our broken immigration laws and giving DHS the re-
3 sources needed to secure the border. [. . .] Republicans
4 in the House should drop this impeachment charade and
5 work with Mr. Mayorkas to deliver for the American peo-
6 ple.”.

