



26           3. In discussing on social media her personal choice to carry a weapon, Senator Chase blamed  
27 victims of sexual assault for not fending off their attackers, making the damaging and indefensible claim  
28 that "It's those who are naive and unprepared that end [up] raped"; and

29           4. After another Senator announced her candidacy for Governor of Virginia, Senator Chase decried  
30 "identity politics" in the gubernatorial race and suggested that, because her fellow Senator is vice-chair of  
31 the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus, she is "not for all Virginians"; and

32           5. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Senator Chase undermined the seriousness of the pandemic  
33 by stating, "I don't do COVID"; and

34           6. Following the 2020 presidential election, Senator Chase implicated both major political parties  
35 in baseless claims of a "stolen" election, asserting, "Make no mistake. We are at war. The Democratic  
36 Party hijacked our 2020 Presidential Election and [has] committed treason. Where the hell are the  
37 Republicans?"; and

38           7. Senator Chase claimed that "The Virginia Democratic Party is racist to its core," after  
39 Democratic officials asked a white local registrar to step down over issues relating to management of the  
40 2020 election; and

41           8. In the aftermath of the unfortunate events and riots at the United States Capitol on January 6,  
42 2021, Senator Chase voiced support for those who participated in storming the United States Capitol,  
43 calling them "[p]atriots who love their country" and propagating unfounded claims regarding the nature  
44 of the events, the identities of those who took part, and the validity of the presidential election. When  
45 given the opportunity to specifically denounce and repudiate those individuals at the January 6 riot who  
46 (i) were proponents of white supremacy; (ii) wore T-shirts and other attire emblazoned with anti-Semitic  
47 messaging; and (iii) breached the United States Capitol grounds barricades, broke into the Capitol when  
48 the United States Congress was in session, and disturbed and defaced the Capitol, Senator Chase declined  
49 to do so. The destruction and violence at the United States Capitol was the first occasion that the defenses  
50 of the United States Capitol have been breached since the War of 1812; led to multiple deaths, including  
51 that of a United States Capitol Police officer; injured numerous others; desecrated the United States  
52 Capitol; resulted in property destruction; threatened the lives and safety of those who are entrusted with

53 carrying out the will of the American people; and required an emergency response from 200 Virginia State  
54 Troopers and 1,300 members of the Virginia National Guard, who were put in harm's way to quell the  
55 violence and restore order; and

56 WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia provides that each house of the  
57 General Assembly may "punish [its members] for disorderly behavior"; and

58 WHEREAS, Rules 18 (h) and 53 (b) of the Senate provide that the Senate may, by a majority vote,  
59 censure one of its members and place the member last in seniority; and

60 WHEREAS, the inflammatory statements and actions of Senator Amanda F. Chase during her  
61 tenure in the Senate of Virginia have created and aggravated tensions, misled constituents and citizens,  
62 and obstructed the Senate's business in service of the Commonwealth, and such behavior constitutes a  
63 failure to uphold her oath of office, misuse of office, and conduct unbecoming of a Senator and,  
64 collectively, has caused a material effect upon the conduct of her office; now, therefore, be it

65 RESOLVED by the Senate, That the Senate of Virginia does censure Senator Amanda F. Chase  
66 and place Senator Amanda F. Chase last in seniority for failure to uphold her oath of office, misuse of  
67 office, and conduct unbecoming of a Senator.

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