Petition of Legal Voters of Brattleboro to the Selectboard

The undersigned registered voters of the Town of Brattleboro hereby petition the Selectboard to add the following article for an ordinance to the Town Meeting Warning to be acted upon by all the voters of the town by Australian ballot at the next town meeting or at a special town meeting. This article is to be advisory, and further if there are sufficient signatures it is to be binding.

Whereas President Trump is manifestly a staunch or witless domestic enemy of the people of the United States, since he has defiled the Constitution, looted the U.S. Treasury, and entangled us in a needless and horrible war; therefore three measures shall be speedily undertaken to prevent him and future presidents from again so wrecking our nation and committing crimes against humanity: 1) the town clerk shall send the message (below) to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and to servicemen and servicewomen resident in the town of Brattleboro; 2) employees of the town shall be encouraged to disseminate the message officially during break times and for half an hour every Monday:

The people of Brattleboro humbly acknowledge the inestimable sacrifices of our troops. We remind our good officers that they solemnly swore to "support and defend the Constitution" -- not the president -- "of the United States". We implore their vigilance "against all enemies, foreign or domestic". And in accordance with the Nuremberg Principles we exhort them to refuse unlawful orders and to file charges against anyone giving an order to start a war of aggression or commit some other war crime. And recognizing the risk a soldier takes by honoring the oath of office in this courageous manner, we the people of the town Brattleboro will raise funds for the legal defense of such a hero, who will deserve the thanks of the nation and the world.

and; 3) the Town of Brattleboro shall donate $5,000 to the legal defense of actions requested by this ordinance.

The oath of office is printed here in its entirety for reference. "I, _____ , having been appointed an officer in the Army of the United States, as indicated above in the grade of _____ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservations or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter; So help me God."

SIGNATURE	NAME (clearly written, please)	ADDRESS (Brattleboro)	T C