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January 21, 2021

Mr. Timothy P. Blodgett  
Acting Sergeant at Arms  
U.S. Capitol  
Room H-124  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Blodgett:

I am writing to gather information regarding the security planning and the level of security provided for the January 6, 2021 Joint Session of Congress (hereinafter “Joint Session”). According to a recent press report, when Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund suggested activating the National Guard two days prior to the Joint Session, former House Sergeant at Arms Paul Irving said that he were not “comfortable with the ‘optics’ of formally declaring an emergency ahead of the demonstration.”<sup>1</sup> In another report, former Senate Sergeant at Arms Bill Pickle, speaking on Mr. Irving’s behalf, told a news outlet that Mr. Irving “did not consult first with his boss, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, but thought he was reflecting her likely response.”<sup>2</sup> Mr. Irving resigned following the Joint Session and, to date, has declined to comment publicly.<sup>3</sup>

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6. Prior to the Joint Session, did your office discuss security matters relating to the Joint Session with Speaker Pelosi, House or Senate leadership, or their staff? If so, when did those conversations occur, what was discussed, and who attended?
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Ms. Jennifer A. Hemingway  
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U.S. Capitol  
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Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Paul Irving  
c/o Mr. Timothy P. Blodgett  
Acting Sergeant at Arms  
U.S. Capitol  
Room H-124  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Irving:

I am writing to gather information regarding the security planning and the level of security provided for the January 6, 2021 Joint Session of Congress (hereinafter “Joint Session”). According to a recent press report, when Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund suggested activating the National Guard two days prior to the Joint Session, you said that you were not “comfortable with the ‘optics’ of formally declaring an emergency ahead of the demonstration.”<sup>1</sup> In another report, former Senate Sergeant at Arms Bill Pickle told a news outlet that you “did not consult first with [your] boss, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, but thought [you were] reflecting her likely response.”<sup>2</sup> Although both you and Senate Sergeant at Arms Michael Stenger resigned following the Joint Session, there are still many questions for you to address. To date, you have declined to comment publicly.<sup>3</sup>

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3. What was the basis for your belief about Speaker Pelosi's likely response to a request for an emergency declaration, including your belief about how the "optics" of such a request would be viewed?
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  - a. When did this conversation occur?
  - b. Did Chief Sund discuss these issues further with you?
  - c. Did Chief Sund tell the National Guard to “be on alert in case Capitol Police needed their help”?
4. Do you know what concerned Mr. Irving about the “optics” of having the National Guard in place for the Joint Session?
  - a. Did Mr. Irving discuss this with you?
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February 24, 2021

The Honorable Gary C. Peters  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs

The Honorable Rob Portman  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar  
Chairwoman  
Senate Committee on Rules  
and Administration

The Honorable Roy Blunt  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Rules  
and Administration

Dear Chairs Peters and Klobuchar and Ranking Members Portman and Blunt:

As the committees continue to examine the January 6, 2021 Capitol breach, it is important that we completely reconstruct what happened from all perspectives and vantage points. All security-related questions as well as details about the breach and violent actions must be addressed and fully explained. On January 21, 2021 I wrote to the acting and former Senate and House sergeant at arms to obtain information on the security planning and level of security provided for the January 6 Joint Session of Congress. I was disappointed that neither of the former sergeant at arms seemed to be aware of my oversight letters, but I will continue to seek answers to the questions raised in those letters.

I appreciate the hearing that the committees held yesterday. Unfortunately, time limitations prevented many questions from being asked that I believe are fundamental to the investigation.

To assist you in your efforts to lead the committees' examination of what happened on January 6, I am enclosing the unanswered questions—that are in addition to the questions in my January 21 letters—that I believe must be addressed:

1. How many law enforcement officers:
  - a. manned the perimeter at the Capitol;
  - b. manned the Capitol's entrances;
  - c. manned the interior of the Capitol building;
  - d. were fully outfitted with riot gear;
  - e. were partially outfitted with riot gear; and
  - f. had no protective or riot gear?
2. The committees should obtain a full description of the violent confrontations that occurred at the Capitol on January 6 including, but not limited to:
  - a. Where and when did violent confrontations occur?
  - a. How long did each confrontation last?
  - b. Approximately how many individuals engaged in violent acts?
  - c. At what time did the last violent confrontation end?
3. How many firearms were seen and/or confiscated from individuals inside the Capitol building or on the Capitol grounds on January 6?
4. How many gunshots were fired at the Capitol on January 6:
  - a. by law enforcement?
  - b. by rioters?
5. When did the U.S. Capitol Police begin to clear the Capitol building on January 6?
  - a. Reports indicate that the sergeant at arms said that the Capitol was secure at 5:34 p.m. on January 6.<sup>1</sup> Was this the same time that the Capitol was completely cleared? If not, when did that occur?
6. When did law enforcement reestablish the security perimeter at the Capitol?
7. What groups were involved in planning or coordinating the breach of the Capitol?
  - a. How many members of each group were involved in the breach?
  - b. How many members of each group have been arrested or charged?
8. On January 6, approximately how many individuals:
  - a. attended President Trump's speech at the Ellipse;
  - b. marched to the Capitol; and
  - c. breached the Capitol building?
9. What was the cause of death of U.S. Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick?
10. What Capitol property was damaged on January 6 and what is the cost estimate for repair or replacement?

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<sup>1</sup> Lauren Letherby and Anjali Singhvi, *How Trump's Calls to G.O.P. Lawmakers Fit in the Timeline of the Capitol Riot*, NY Times, Feb. 13, 2021, <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/01/15/us/trump-capitol-riot-timeline.html>.

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Ron Johnson  
U.S. Senator

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February 26, 2021

Mr. Monty Wilkinson  
Acting Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20530

The Honorable Christopher Wray  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Acting Attorney General Wilkinson and Director Wray:

On January 12, 2021, the *Washington Post* reported on an internal Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) document warning of potential violence in Washington, D.C. around January 6, 2021.<sup>1</sup> This document reportedly stated in part, “As of 5 January 2021, FBI Norfolk received information indicating calls for violence in response to ‘unlawful lockdowns’ to begin on 6 January 2021 in Washington, D.C.”<sup>2</sup> My staff requested this document from the FBI but has not received it.

On March 3, 2021, a representative from the FBI is scheduled to testify in front of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Rules and Administration regarding the Capitol breach. In preparation for this upcoming hearing, I request that you produce this document as soon as possible but no later than March 1, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ron Johnson  
U.S. Senator

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<sup>1</sup> Devlin Barrett and Matt Zapotosky, *FBI report warned of ‘war’ at Capitol, contradicting claims there was no indication of looming violence*, Jan. 12, 2021, [https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/capitol-riot-fbi-intelligence/2021/01/12/30d12748-546b-11eb-a817-e5e7f8a406d6\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/capitol-riot-fbi-intelligence/2021/01/12/30d12748-546b-11eb-a817-e5e7f8a406d6_story.html).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*



United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 1, 2021

Ms. Yogananda D. Pittman  
Acting Chief of Police  
U.S. Capitol Police  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Acting Chief Pittman:

I am continuing to examine the security planning and level of security provided for the January 6, 2021 Joint Session of Congress (hereinafter “Joint Session”). Nearly two months after the Capitol breach, there are still many unanswered questions about what happened and what actions were taken and were not taken. In order to reconstruct as completely as possible the security force posture, building preparation, and events of January 6, I request that you please provide the following information:

1. Please describe the security of the Capitol building at the beginning of the Joint Session, including:
  - a. The number of law enforcement officers that manned the East and West front of the Capitol, manned the Capitol entrances, interior of the Capitol building, were fully outfitted with riot gear, partially outfitted with riot gear, and had no protective or riot gear.
2. Please provide all orders or directives given to U.S. Capitol Police (USCP) officers at the Capitol building on January 6. For each order or directive please indicate the time at which the message was communicated and by whom.
3. Please describe how the doors and windows of the Capitol building are secured?
4. At the beginning of the Joint Session, were all the doors and windows at the Capitol building secured?
  - a. If not, please provide a floor plan of the Capitol building indicating which doors or windows were not secured.
  - b. Did Capitol Police recommend or provide increased security of the doors and windows of the Capitol building at the beginning of the Joint Session?
5. How many doors and windows of the Capitol building were breached on January 6?
  - a. Please provide a floor plan of the Capitol building indicating what doors or windows were breached or damaged on January 6.
  - b. If there were doors or windows that were not secured prior to the Capitol breach, were any of those doors or windows breached or damaged? If so, please indicate the location(s) of those doors or windows in the floor plan referenced above.

6. Where and when did violent confrontations occur at the Capitol on January 6?
  - a. How long did each confrontation last?
  - b. Approximately how many individuals engaged in violent acts?
  - c. At what time did the last violent confrontation end?
7. How many firearms were seen and/or confiscated from individuals inside or on the Capitol grounds on January 6?
8. How many gunshots were fired at the Capitol on January 6:
  - a. by law enforcement; and
  - b. by rioters?
9. When did the USCP begin to clear the Capitol building on January 6?
  - a. Reports indicate that the sergeant at arms said that the Capitol was secure at 5:34 p.m. on January 6.<sup>1</sup> Was this the same time that the Capitol was completely cleared? If not, when did that occur?
9. When did law enforcement reestablish the security perimeter at the Capitol?
10. What groups were involved in planning or coordinating the breach of the Capitol?
  - a. How many members of those groups were involved in the breach?
11. On January 6, approximately how many individuals:
  - a. attended President Trump's speech at the Ellipse;
  - b. marched to the Capitol; and
  - c. breached the Capitol building?
12. Please preserve all records<sup>2</sup> between and among USCP, sergeants at arms, and House and Senate leadership from January 3, 2021 to January 7, 2021.
13. Is the USCP fully complying with requests for records from the USCP Office of Inspector General?

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<sup>1</sup> Lauren Letherby and Anjali Singhvi, *How Trump's Calls to G.O.P. Lawmakers Fit in the Timeline of the Capitol Riot*, NY Times, Feb. 13, 2021, <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/01/15/us/trump-capitol-riot-timeline.html>.

<sup>2</sup> "Records" include any written, recorded, or graphic material of any kind, including letters, memoranda, reports, notes, electronic data (emails, email attachments, and any other electronically-created or stored information), calendar entries, inter-office communications, meeting minutes, phone/voice mail or recordings/records of verbal communications, and drafts (whether or not they resulted in final documents).

Ms. Yogananda D. Pittman

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Please provide this information as soon as possible but no later than March 15, 2021.  
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Ron Johnson

U.S. Senator

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 1, 2021

The Honorable J. Brett Blanton  
Architect of the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Blanton:

I am continuing to examine the security planning and level of security provided for the January 6, 2021 Joint Session of Congress (hereinafter “Joint Session”). Nearly two months after the Capitol breach, there are still many unanswered questions about what happened and what actions were taken and were not taken. In order to reconstruct as completely as possible the security force posture, building preparation, and events of January 6, I request that you please provide the following information:

1. What Capitol property was damaged on January 6 and what is the cost estimate for repair or replacement?
2. Please provide a floor plan of the Capitol building indicating the location of the damaged property and indicate what doors or windows were breached on January 6.

Please provide this information as soon as possible but no later than March 15, 2021.  
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ron Johnson  
U.S. Senator