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Dear Major General Walker,

I am writing to express our deepest gratitude to you and your fellow National Guard Soldiers and Airmen for their response to assist U.S. Capitol Police (USCP) during the attack on the Capitol complex.

We watched in horror as the events of 6 January played out on television screens around the world as a violent mob, determined to enter the heart of American democracy, attacked USCP personnel. The flag of the United States literally became a weapon in the hands of these riotous individuals who used it to strike officers, break windows and pry open doors. Once these criminals breached the building, they went on to vandalize and damage this sacred space and Members' offices as well as imperil the lives of law enforcement officers, elected officials and staff.

The response of the D.C. National Guard helped contain the events at the Capitol and bring the situation under control to where lawmakers could continue their work. Now, days after the events at the Capitol, it is reassuring to see guardsmen stationed around the Capitol complex to ensure another horrific event does not occur. They answered the call of duty and we are proud of them and grateful for their service.

We recognize we have more to learn about this incident and that Federal law enforcement agencies are still investigating. Recent reports indicate that more than 80 suspects have been arrested and approximately 150 are being investigated. We look forward to seeing these criminals prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

On behalf of the more than 356,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, please convey our heartfelt thanks to all the members of the D.C. National Guard and let them know that they will never walk alone. If I can be of any help, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in our Washington office.

Sincerely,

Patrick Yoes
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