

REPUBLICANS

FOR NATIONAL RENEWAL

A PETITION SUPPORTING A RESOLUTION DEMANDING JUSTICE FOR JANUARY 6

Petition Description: We, the undersigned, demand Justice for Jan 6. Defendants are having their rights destroyed by an illegitimate federal government that is at war with the American people and their liberties. We demand the release of every political prisoner deceived and entrapped at the Jan. 6 rally with federal agents stoking much of the violence. Furthermore, independent investigations of the FBI and other deep state bureaucracies resulting in criminal indictments are needed to restore faith in the system moving forward.

Resolution Summary: On January 6, 2021, as supporters of President Trump gathered near the Capitol to protest the stolen election, a handful of individuals – no small amount of whom were confirmed federal informants – entered the Capitol building. At least 725 people were arrested with charges ranging from obstruction of an official to assault. Tragically Army veteran Ashli Babbitt, who was unarmed and on the other side of a closed door, was executed by a Capitol officer. The Capitol Police are also responsible for the death of Rosanne Boyland. These Capitol officers were never held accountable for the deaths of Babbitt and Boyland. Later identified, OathKeepers activist Ray Epps was seen on numerous videos actively directing peaceful protesters to enter the Capitol building during the protest. Initially, Epps was displayed as wanted by investigators but was suspiciously removed and deemed “not a fed” in testimony. There is ample evidence of violations of the Sixth and Eighth Amendments of the Constitution being violated in the treatment of Jan. 6 detainees, from denial of a speedy trial to lack of adequate access to food and medicine while incarcerated. We call upon every Republican club, committee, group, organization, and league to officially demand the release of all January 6th detainees and remedy this egregious miscarriage of Justice with investigations and subsequent prosecutions of the federal agents behind this Soviet-style witch hunt.

Resolution Language

Whereas the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution reads: *“In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense;”* and

Whereas the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution reads: *“Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted;”* and

Whereas, on January 6, 2021, a large crowd of Donald J. Trump's supporters gathered near the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., to protest the criminal conspiracy to shift the lawful results of the Nov. 2020 presidential election [1]; and

Whereas a small number of individuals who participated in the protest subsequently entered the Capitol Building; and

Whereas at least 725 people have been arrested for storming the U.S. Capitol building on Jan. 6, 2021, with charges ranging from obstruction of an official proceeding to assault; and

Whereas two protesters were killed as a direct result of the Jan. 6 protest, both at the hands of the Capitol Police: Retired Army veteran Ashli Babbitt [2], who was unarmed and standing on the other side of a closed door, when she was deliberately shot to death by a Capitol police officer, and protester Rosanne Boyland [3], who was trampled by a stampede created when

Capitol police officers unleashed pepper gas on the crowd and then beaten with a stick by one of those police officers while lying unconscious on the pavement; and

Whereas the Capitol Police officers who were responsible for the deaths of Babbitt and Boyland have not been held accountable for their actions; and

Whereas one person, later identified as Ray Epps [4], was prominently and significantly seen on numerous videos as actively encouraging and directing peaceful protesters to enter the Capitol building before and during the protest. A photo of Mr. Epps was at first displayed, along with the photos of many legitimate protesters, as being wanted by government investigators, but was quickly and suspiciously removed. Mr. Epps was subsequently interviewed by the FBI and the January 6th Commission and was found to be “...not a fed” in testimony that is being actively suppressed from the public. As of this date, Mr. Epps has not been arrested or charged with anything related to the January 6 protest; and

Whereas on Thursday, November 4, 2021, Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene visited the Washington D.C. jail and reported that detainees are being held in solitary confinement and have virtually no medical care, very poor food quality, and are being “put through re-education, which most of them are rejecting.” She says the detainees are feeling forgotten and hopeless; and

Whereas on January 3, 2022, an official letter to the Federal Bureau of Prisons was released, demanding that they address reports of abusive and inhumane treatment toward prisoners held on charges related to January 6. The letter states, “Regardless of the charges faced, every incarcerated human being is to be treated humanely and with due consideration of their rights. Evidence of 8th Amendment violations and denial of basic medical needs have been brought to the attention of Congress. We, the undersigned, are officially advising you, Director Carvajal, that you are to immediately address the abhorrent persecution of American citizens being held in pre-trial detention under your watch.” The letter was signed by Rep. Clay Higgins, Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, and thirteen other members of Congress [5]; and

Whereas on February 25, 2022, protester Matthew Perna hanged himself in his garage [6] after learning that the Department of Justice planned to seek sentencing enhancers that could have put

him in prison for 41 to 51 months. Perna spent 20 minutes in the Capitol building on Jan. 6, 2021, and was not accused of vandalism, violence, or engaging with police. According to the New York Post, Mr. Perna had pled guilty in Dec. 2021 to four charges related to the protest because of “constant delays in hearings and postponements,” which dragged out for over a year. According to his obituary, his “heart broke, and his spirit died,” and

Whereas, on March 14, 2022, it was reported by Sarah N. Lynch of Reuters that Federal prosecutors asked a judge to dismiss criminal charges against defendant Lucas Denney and release him from jail [7], as a result of a rare admission in a court filing that the Justice Department had violated his legal right to a speedy trial. Mr. Denney had spent several months in jail, until the government finally secured an indictment against him on March 7, 2022. During that time, Denney was never provided an initial appearance in court as is required by the District of Columbia, despite several failed attempts to arrange for one; and

Whereas the FBI has confirmed after a thorough investigation that there was no “insurrection” on January 6, 2021 and that there is “scant evidence” that there was an organized plot to overturn an election [8]; and

Whereas, the release of 41,000 hours of Jan 6 footage exposed a shameful display of lies propagated by certain government leaders, who, instead of admitting their mistakes in securing the Capitol on that day, resorted to fear-mongering and hysteria, attempting to deceive the public with wild accusations meant to shield them from accountability; and

Whereas, the evidence released from Jan. 6 has unequivocally proven that many leaders, both establishment Democrats and Republicans, have brazenly lied about the events that transpired, shamelessly hiding crucial videotapes that contradicted their false claims, eroding the trust and faith of the American people [9]; and

Whereas, the despicable actions in particular of Republican Senators Kevin Cramer, Mike Rounds, Chuck Grassley (IA), John Thune, Lindsey Graham (SC) along with Congressmen Dan Crenshaw (TX) and Kelly Armstrong, in criticizing those who pushed for transparency on the Jan. 6 video disclosures have revealed their loyalty to the political elites and expose themselves as collaborators with the forces who wish to destroy America; and

Whereas the rights bestowed on all citizens by our Constitution and our Bill of Rights, including the rights of a defendant to be told of the charges against them (Article V); the right to avoid excessive bail (Article VIII); the right to a speedy trial with the assistance of Counsel (Article

VI); and the right not to be deprived of liberty in unreasonable conditions without due process of law (Article V) have been egregiously violated,

Therefore, [INSERT NAME HERE] calls on every Republican leader, including but not limited to every member of the Republican State Committee throughout Michigan, to officially demand the release of all January 6 detainees, as the Federal witch hunt that has persecuted them up to this point can no longer be trusted to administer justice. [INSERT NAME HERE] further calls on every Republican leader to continue to pursue correction of this egregious miscarriage of justice until every January 6 political prisoner is released from incarceration.

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