



## *Arizona State Legislature*

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Acting Attorney General Rosen and Director Wray;

On Wednesday, January 6, an armed mob of domestic terrorists breached the walls of the United States Capitol to forcefully interfere with the certification of a free and fair national election. The terrorists, intent on executing a coup, threatened elected officials and staff, terrorized media professionals, destroyed federal property, and ultimately caused the death of five people, including a Capitol Police officer who was bludgeoned to death with a fire extinguisher. Many in the mob wore military or police tactical gear and carried zip-tie restraints, signaling a high level of preparation and coordination for the events that occurred.

This was an attack on our country. As the full extent of the insurrection unfolds, we fervently urge you to investigate the federal and state lawmakers directly involved, as well as those who, through words and conduct, aided and abetted sedition, treason or any other federal crimes.

The events of January 6 were not spontaneous, nor were they the random acts of a diffuse handful of unconnected individuals. For weeks prior to the breach, a group of Republican Arizona legislators and legislators-elect publicly advocated for the overthrow of the election results which encouraged precisely the kind of violent conduct that we witnessed.

Their own social media posts strongly suggest that Arizona State Representative Mark Finchem and former Representative Anthony Kern were present at the riot in Washington D.C. on January 6 and actively encouraged the mob, both before and during the attack on the Capitol. *See, e.g., [1-6-21 Twitter Post by Rep. Kern](#)* (equating the rally to D-Day); [photos on the Capitol steps](#). After the attack, Finchem and Kern sought to conceal the consequences of their conduct by falsely blaming "Antifa."

One of the riot's organizers, Ali Alexander, publicly claimed to have planned and organized the insurrection with Arizona Congressmen Paul Gosar and Andy Biggs; stating in a broadcast that "[W]e four schemed up putting maximum pressure on [C]ongress while they were voting..." [1-8-21 Twitter Thread Jason Paladino](#).

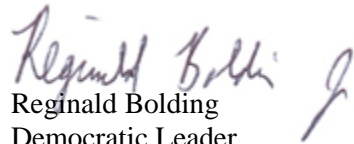
They did all of this in public. What they did outside of plain view we do not yet know. But there is evidence to indicate that Arizona Representatives Mark Finchem, Anthony Kern, Paul Gosar and Andy Biggs encouraged, facilitated, participated and possibly helped plan this anti-democratic insurrection on January 6. It is vital to any current or future federal investigations, and ultimately to the Arizona public they represent, that we learn what these elected officials knew about this planned insurrection and when they knew it.

We the undersigned members of the Arizona Legislature, urge you to fully investigate the extent of their involvement. Expeditious timing of this request is critical, as if you find any evidence that these individuals incited, encouraged, or participated in the lawless behavior that took place on that day, we believe they would be potentially criminally liable and ineligible for public office under Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, as having engaged in insurrection and rebellion<sup>1</sup>.

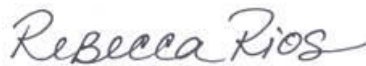
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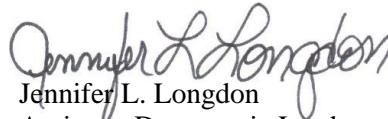
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<sup>1</sup> "No Person shall . . . hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State . . . [if] having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature . . . to support the Constitution of the United States, [they] shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion." U.S. Const., Section 3, Amendment XIV.

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