

Dear 6th Congressional District Chief Law Enforcement Officers,

I write to you following the acts of insurrection at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. on January 6, 2021, which resulted in the death of six individuals, including U.S. Capitol Police Officers Brian Sicknick and Howard Liebengood.

The terrorists that breached the Capitol put the lives of Members of Congress, staff, reporters, and first responders at risk and sought to disrupt the Constitutional process integral to our democracy. In the days following the attack, there have been an increasing number of deeply troubling reports that some of the terrorists may have been individuals serving in positions of public trust, including law enforcement officers¹. It is vital that we ensure the public servants our community relies on for safety and leadership were not involved in the insurrection on January 6th. Not only do those individuals represent a possible danger to others - they also disgrace the oaths they took to protect and serve, and they dishonor the heroic efforts of countless law enforcement officers who have placed themselves in harm's way to protect their fellow Americans. The reputation of honorable law enforcement officers must not be besmirched by the dereliction of duty by some.

Therefore, I am requesting that all police and sheriff departments in Colorado's 6th Congressional District conduct urgent personnel reviews to identify individuals in their departments that participated in the acts of insurrection on January 6th. Any individuals identified should be subject to internal disciplinary action, including termination, and referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for investigation and prosecution, under applicable law.

Our community is grateful for your dedication to protect and serve the people of Colorado. Your commitment to upholding the integrity of your oaths and leading at a time of enormous challenge is critical to restoring public confidence in institutions.

Sincerely,



Jason Crow
Member of Congress

cc: Attorney General Phil Weiser

¹ "Police departments across the U.S. open probes into whether their own members took part in the Capitol riot", Washington Post, January 9, 2021 <https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2021/01/09/investigating-police-rioters/>

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