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### **VIA EMAIL**

Monday, January 11, 2021

Honorable James F. Kenney  
City Hall, Office 215  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Mayor Kenney,

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 will be remembered as one of the darkest days in American history. A sitting President incited violence against the United States Congress for carrying out its constitutional duty. It has come to our attention that at least one Philadelphia Police Department officer was allegedly at the rally that later turned into a riot and an insurrection. We need to know if there were other sworn police officers or any other city employees in attendance.

While no person should be punished for partaking in their First Amendment rights of protest and free speech, we must ensure that no sworn officer or City of Philadelphia employee was present or participated in the violent insurrection of the U.S Capitol building, which left six dead, including two U.S Capitol police officers, and caused significant damage to our democratic republic.

As you know, serving the great people of the City of Philadelphia comes with a special responsibility. We request that you immediately appoint an investigator to evaluate if anyone who represents our city took part in the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

Additionally, it is alleged that at least one Police Department officer is being investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department's Internal Affairs Bureau. It is vitally important that we determine if that officer's participation on January 6, 2021 and reported social media posts allude to any implicit bias which could have impacted her past evaluation of candidates who submitted applications for employment with the Philadelphia Police Department.

We look forward to receiving your written response to this communication with information on who will be leading this investigation on your behalf, as well as when any findings will be made publicly available. Thank you for your urgent attention to this important request.

In Service,



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