

Dear Acting Chief Pittman,

First, let me congratulate you on your new position with US Capitol Police. You have jumped into a litany of problems including the ultimate sacrifice of death in service. We too grieve the loss of Ofc. Sicknick and Ofc. Liebengood. I represent the US Capitol Police wives who are bearing the weight right now, and we will not be ignored!

It's been 23 days since the insurrection at the US Capitol and no one has apologized to the officer's let alone their families who are all testing positive for Covid-19. It is one thing for your officer's and our loved ones to deal with and another for the families to carry this burden because of lack of leadership. You have now affected our children and they had no skin in this game. On January 6<sup>th</sup>, I wrote two letters begging for officers to be vaccinated. That fell on deaf ears, another wife and I are immune compromised, and the virus is in my home. My husband was officer number 20 out of the first group of 19, he was not counted that day because he tested positive that night. We took every precaution, because I am immunocompromised, to be safe for almost 1 year but, our 14-year-old has it as of today.

This is not just one isolated incident and it needs to be addressed. These men and woman did their job, and they did it well on January 6<sup>th</sup> and they have yet to complain that is where we come in. We are offended that the US Capitol Police leadership failed your employees and our families.

Here is what we want to know:

1. In 23 days, what have you done to keep Capitol Police and their families safe after the insurrection?
2. Were Dr. Fauci or his experts consulted?
3. Why are the US Capitol Police not vaccinated? Why weren't they vaccinated in December with other staff? What is the plan for officer's already ill and their vaccines? Has an expert been consulted?
4. Are there any plans in place on working with the Union Representative Gus Papathanasiou?
5. Why weren't officers' given equipment if you had it available? Even if already issued.
6. How are you handling PTSD with officers and their families?
7. How many days are Capitol Police officer's out before they return to work?

The wives are expecting answers to our questions within 72 hours. That should be ample time since more than 3 weeks has passed already.

As far as vaccine protocol goes in my county, my husband won't get a vaccine until March and me in April. These men and women work for you so if I make it unscathed this time, there's still another 1.5 months that my life is placed in jeopardy and I am not alone. But for the insurrection, the lack of leadership, the lack of equipment, and the lack of vaccines none of the officer's and their families would be in this situation.

Thank you,

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