



May 31, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY to

Hon. Kevin McCarthy
Speaker of the House of Representatives
2468 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20515-0520

RE: Petition to Release January 6th, 2021 Capitol Video Footage to The Gateway Pundit, the Families of Every January 6th Defendant, and to the American People.

Dear Speaker McCarthy:

In late February of this year the American People were informed by your staff and by reports from Fox News journalist, Tucker Carlson, that you had authorized the release of some 44,000 hours of January 6, 2021 Capitol video footage to Mr. Carlson. Because of the incredible historical importance of the January 6th protest (“J6”), and the subsequent governmental and media portrayal, ridiculous and demagogic “insurrection” narratives and record-breaking prosecutions,¹ it is imperative that you release this video footage to more media outlets and to the families of the J6 defendants.

Rightly or wrongly, millions of Americans, including the undersigned, believe that the federal government orchestrated large portions of the J6 debacle. Because of this, our trust in our federal government is at an all time low. To be clear: because of the perception of governmental misconduct, misrepresentations, and malice on J6 and subsequent thereto, we have lost faith in all three branches of the United States government.

We do not trust the law enforcement entities whose personnel entrapped, attacked, and in some cases murdered Capitol protesters. We do not trust the US Congress, which initiated a witch-hunt and choreographed dog-and-pony show to manipulate the public’s perception of J6 and leverage it against conservatives and former President Donald Trump. We do not trust federal prosecutors who weaponized the justice system for political purpose, and who wrongfully

¹ To date, nearly 1,000 individuals have been prosecuted.

persecuted (and in some cases tortured) the vast majority of defendants and their families. And we do not trust the federal judiciary kangaroo courts which presided over these Kafkaesque prosecutions.

Why have these institutions lost our trust? Simple: because of the video footage that has managed to make its way into the public so far. This footage has laid bare the lies of scores of federal narratives about what actually occurred at J6. The obvious lies and/or discrepancies are far too numerous to list here, but we at The Gateway Pundit and at our sister site AmericanGulag.org have been documenting in great detail for two years. The public is rightfully angry not only because of the lies, but the absolute contempt all branches of the federal government have for the American People. It's obvious that all levels of the federal government believe they can subject the public to bald-faced lies without total impunity. As Lincoln once said, you "cannot fool the people: you may fool people for a time; you can fool a part of the people all the time; you can't fool all the people all the time."

As one example, now that you've granted access to Tucker Carlson, we even know that J6 "Shaman" Jacob Chansley and his entourage were led through the Capitol by police, a fact at complete odds with his portrayal by the US "Justice" Department as a violent, dangerous criminal. For another example, authorities repeatedly stated that Officer Brian Sicknick was killed by the J6 "insurrectionists," when in fact he died two days after January 6th from an unrelated medical issue.

I say the footage "managed to make its way into the public," **because every level of government – with the exception of your kind, but insufficient offer to Tucker Carlson – has made every possible effort to conceal the J6 video footage from the American People.** It's nothing short of a miracle that any footage has survived the federal embargo. This is entirely contrary to the government's duty of transparency. The federal government, supposedly servants of the American People, have the duty and responsibility not only to avoid impropriety, *but also the appearance of impropriety.*

The federal government has engaged in a broad and deep campaign to deceive the American people on this topic. All Americans – and especially the families of the J6 defendants, not to mention the defendants themselves – deserve to fully understand what happened at J6. Giving Tucker Carlson and Fox News access to the footage is a good first step. However it is terribly inadequate. This footage is voluminous, but also historical. It is historical evidence that belongs to the American People without alteration, obstruction or delay. Because there is so much footage, however, we ask you to provide it to more news outlets, including The Gateway Pundit, rather than simply siloing the footage at Fox News. If you grant The Gateway Pundit access to the footage, we promise to host the footage as quickly as possible, to allow the American People to fully access and investigate on their own.

You may not be aware, but The Gateway Pundit is a nationally renowned political news and opinion site viewed nearly 3 million times per day. As mentioned, The Gateway Pundit has extensively covered J6 issues for the past two years – including publishing investigations into the

effects the political persecutions have had on individual defendants and their families. Most of these men and women have been effectively railroaded and, in the process of trying to defend themselves, they and their families have been bankrupted. Not only does Uncle Sam tilt the playing field, but it is an adversary with unlimited resources. J6 defendants can't simply print more money, when the till is short. However, The Gateway Pundit has done its best to assist the defendants and their families. To date, The Gateway Pundit has helped raise roughly \$2 million for these families, thanks to the generosity of Gateway Pundit readers

Gateway Pundit does not simply request access to the J6 footage you recently released to Mr. Carlson: dozens of J6 prisoners and their families hereby petition you to release the footage to Gateway Pundit and the American People. Please see below for their names.

If you, and indeed the rest of the federal government, are serious about repairing the government's reputation for dishonesty, the first step is transparency. There can be no trust or faith without complete transparency. Giving Gateway Pundit and the American People access to this footage would be a crucial and necessary first step toward a national reconciliation. We respectfully petition you to do so. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours in Liberty,

/s/ Jim Hoft

James Hoft

Publisher, TheGatewayPundit.com

Additional Petitioners

1. Jim Hoft, Founder & Editor, The Gateway Pundit
2. Cara Castronuova, Investigative Reporter
3. Micki Witthoeft, Mother of Ashli Babbitt
4. Nice Reffit, Wife J6 Defendant Guy Reffitt
5. Jake Lang, J6 Defendant
6. Ed Lang, Father of J6 Defendant Jake Lang
7. Jeremy Brown, J6 Defendant
8. Tylene Aldridge, Girlfriend of J6 Defendant Jeremy Brown
9. Tommy Tatum, Tommy Tatum News
10. David Valentine, Freedoms-Express Media
11. Gary McBride, M5News
12. Manny Perryman, Wife of J6 Defendant Brian Jackson
13. Lydia Sorrow, J6 Investigator
14. Stewart Rhodes, Founder, Oath Keepers, J6 Defendant
15. Phillip Anderson, J6 victim

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16. Victoria White, J6 Defendant and J6 Abuse Victim
17. Retired US Army CPT Gabriel Garcia, J6 Defendant
18. Thomas Harlen Smith, J6 Defendant
19. Donnie Duane Wren, J6 Defendant
20. Treniss Evans, Founder of Condemned USA, J6 Defendant
21. Matthew Krol, J6 Defendant
22. Lisa Krol, Wife of J6 Defendant Matthew Krol
23. Lisa DeLong, Sister of J6 Matthew Krol
24. Micajah Jackson, Marine, J6 Defendant
25. Brady Knowlton, J6 Defendant, law student
26. AJ Fischer, J6 Defendant, InvestigateJ6.org
27. Ali Alexander, Stop the Steal organizer
28. Annette Kuehne, Wife of J6 Defendant Christopher Kuehne
29. Aubrey Webb, Defense Attorney
30. Gilbert Fonticoba, J6 Defendant
31. Rachel Powell, J6 Defendant
32. Laura Elizabeth Jenkins, American Gulag editor
33. David Sumrall, STOPHATE.com
34. Ashton Richie, Condemned USA
35. Ryan Samsel, J6 Defendant
36. Brian Boele, J6 Defendant, 9/11 Firefighter
37. Christopher Alberts, J6 Defendant
38. Derrick Evans, J6 Defendant
39. Luke Coffee, J6 Defendant
40. Rusty Coffee, J6 Defendant's parent
41. Mary Beth Coffee, J6 Defendant's parent
42. Patrick Montgomery, J6 Defendant
43. James McGrew, J6 Defendant
44. Leslie McGrew, J6 Defendant's wife
45. Nathaniel Tuck, J6 Defendant
46. Traci Sunstrum, J6 Defendant
47. Russell Alford, J6 Defendant
48. Isaac Thomas, J6 Defendant
49. Thomas Webster, J6 Defendant
50. Michelle Webster, J6 Defendant's wife
51. David Rhine, J6 Defendant
52. Mary Sturgeon, mother of J6er Isaac Sturgeon
53. Nanci Klein, mother of J6ers Jonathanpeter and Matthew Klein
54. John O'Kelly, J6 Defendant

55. Elizabeth Kenyon, J6 Defendant's wife
56. J6 Patriot News
57. American Gulag Chronicles
58. Owen Shroyer, Infowars reporter & J6 Defendant
59. Mark Leffingwell, J6 Defendant
60. Dominic Pezzola, J6 Defendant
61. Barbara Turpin, Mother of J6 Defendant Dominic Pezzola
62. George Tanios, J6 Defendant
63. Craig Bingert, J6 Defendant
64. Mark Middleton, J6 Defendant
65. Jalise Middleton, J6 Defendant
66. William Pepe, J6 Defendant
67. Elizabeth Boele, Wife of J6 Defendant Brian Boele, Mother of J6 Defendant AJ Fischer
68. Leo Brent Bozell, J6 Defendant
69. Doug Jensen, J6 Defendant
70. Karl Dresch, J6 Defendant
71. April Jensen, Wife of J6 Defendant Doug Jensen
72. Jack Fugger, Cousin of J6 Defendants Tony and Jeremiah Carollo
73. Jeremy Sorvisto, J6 Defendant
74. Chris Worrell, J6 Defendant
75. Mike Curzio, J6 Defendant