



Bride Rose Sweeney
14th Ohio House District

Beth Liston
21st Ohio House District

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representatives Bride Rose Sweeney and Beth Liston
DATE: January 20, 2021
RE: **Request for Co-Sponsors: Condemn the Insurrection at the United States Capitol**

Dear Colleagues,

Rep. Liston and I will soon introduce a House Resolution unequivocally condemning the insurrection at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021. It is our sincere hope that this will be an opportunity to offer a clear and bipartisan rebuke of this assault on American democracy and the rule of law.

Two weeks ago, countless Ohioans watched in horror as a mob of violent extremists stormed the citadel of liberty, the United States Capitol Building itself, and damaged the very foundations upon which our Republic was founded. The mob assaulted law enforcement officers, targeted journalists, smashed windows, ransacked offices, and terrorized the Vice President, Members of Congress, staff, and their families. Five Americans lost their lives as a direct result of the attack, including Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick who died in the line of duty, and more than fifty other police officers were seriously injured.

While investigations continue and federal prosecutors will surely pursue justice to the fullest extent of the law, it is already evident that the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol is deserving of bipartisan condemnation in the State of Ohio. This blatant and historic attempt to undermine our democratic process and unlawfully overturn electoral results was carried out by hate groups, white supremacists and insurrectionists. These attacks on the very foundation of our democracy cannot go unrecognized by anyone entrusted with serving in public office.

If you have any questions or wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please reach out to my legislative aide, Riley (Riley.Alton@ohiohouse.gov) or Grace in Rep. Liston's office (Grace.Yousefi@ohiohouse.gov) by **Friday, January 22, at 9 a.m.***

Sincerely,

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****Extended to Wednesday, January 27 then Friday, January 29, at noon.**