

COLORADO GOP

CALL TO ACTION FOR ALL COUNTY OFFICERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, and CONCERNED CITIZENS

Your support is needed for the January 6 prisoners. Please see the letter below and if you want to be included, please respond to this email and we will add your name to the list.

Also, please distribute this to your county and/or constituents for them to give us their permission to include their names as well. This will then be sent to our Colorado Congressmen so they can act on it at the federal level.

Respectfully,
Anna Ferguson
Secretary, CO GOP

In Defense of the Rights and Protections Guaranteed by the US Constitution

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Officers, Officials, and Representatives of the Colorado Republican Party:

We are writing you to urge your assistance in contacting legislators and other elected officials from our state as regards the treatment and handling of Americans who have been arrested and/or charged with crimes related to the January 6, 2021 incident at the US Capitol.

No matter how you feel about that incident, the 2020 election, or Donald Trump, it is impossible to deny the facts that many Americans have been grossly mistreated and abused by our legal system. Hundreds of Americans have been and still are detained without bond, most for misdemeanor offenses. Many others have suffered physical abuse and injury at the hands of their jailors or been denied medical treatment for pre-existing conditions or conditions that arose due to mistreatment while in custody. Almost all have been denied contact with their attorneys and any semblance of due process. Our justice system has become a vehicle for vengeance and a tool for silencing political dissent; it has become a weapon to inflict fear on the American people writ large.

There is no plausible excuse or sound legal explanation for why hundreds of Americans have been jailed for nearly two years pending federal charges. There is absolutely no excuse or plausible defense for denying these citizens their rights to due process, bond, or protection from cruel and unusual punishment—all of which is made worse when one considers that we are talking about defendants awaiting an opportunity to argue their cases in court. Our government, specifically the US Department of Justice and the US District Court for the District of Columbia, has and continues to violate these citizens' rights guaranteed by the 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, and 14th Amendments to the US Constitution.

This should be a cause of national shame. This should appall and disgust every American, particularly those elected to represent us. This is our government committing atrocities on its own citizens for what are obviously political reasons. The same government and legal system that routinely releases suspects charged with far greater and more heinous crimes against individuals and private businesses is hunting down and locking up others who have offended the state. Worse yet—this is the same US Government that continually released known terrorists from captivity back to conflict zones where they continued to kill American service members and innocent civilians.

This is the antithesis of a constitutional republic: This is a despotic, tyrannical, banana republic. No elected representative should feel comfortable ignoring this or pleading impotence and powerlessness. Every member of the US Congress should take up this matter at once—they should have been fighting it since 2021.

We have a government that is principally concerned with and motivated by retaining its own power and privilege and will pervert constitutional and statutory authorities to attack its political opponents. Because of the ruthlessness perpetrated by those we put into power, our country looks more like *The Gulag Archipelago* than "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

This must be a top priority of the entire GOP and especially anyone elected to office. If we do not defend our Constitution, all the powers available to the government can and will be turned against We The People; indeed they already have.

In Liberty,

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