

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

Given these concerns, we request responses to the following questions no later than Friday, March 19, and further request a meeting to discuss the future of Capitol complex security. We also understand that DOD asked USCP to hold weekly meetings to develop a plan by April 9 to reduce USCP reliance on the National Guard. Please keep our staffs briefed on the outcomes of the weekly meetings.

- What intelligence did Capitol Police receive in advance of January 6th regarding the potential for violence on that day? How many times, in what format, and from whom did Capitol Police receive the intelligence? What did Capitol Police do with the intelligence once it was provided? What lessons have Capitol Police learned from its treatment of the intelligence received in advance of the 6th, and what steps have Capitol Police taken to ensure that future intelligence is received, processed, and acted on differently?
- What is the current justification for the perimeter (inner and outer) fencing surrounding the Capitol Grounds? If the Architect of the Capitol has the ability to redeploy fencing within hours of a specific threat to the Capitol becoming known, why is the current fencing still in place? Does the Capitol Police support the permanent installation of fencing around part or all of the Capitol Grounds? If so, why?
- When did the Capitol Police last conduct a mission requirements/force structure analysis? What analysis underlies the mission tasking of National Guard units?
- Could a significant portion of currently deployed National Guard standing watch be replaced by modern surveillance capabilities? Has Capitol Police queried Customs and Border Patrol on its integrated surveillance and security solutions?
- What changes to Capitol Police leadership training are being considered, if any? What specifically are these changes intended to address, both retroactively and prospectively?
- How does Capitol Police integrate best practices from and leverage relationships with other federal law enforcement agencies? How does Capitol Police evaluate the rapid-response effort by Metropolitan Police Department forces on January 6th?
- What changes to its force structure has Capitol Police implemented in response to the events of January 6th? How would those changes better position Capitol Police to identify and respond to a future threat like that presented in days leading up to and on January 6th? What additional changes is Capitol Police considering, other than the hiring of hundreds of new officers, to better position the force and bolster the security of the complex?

We thank you again for your service, and are eager to work with you on a new Capitol security plan.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member
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Rob Portman
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