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Secretary Ryan D. McCarthy
Secretary of the United States Army

General Mark A. Milley
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

General C.Q. Brown, Jr.
Chief of Staff, United States Air Force

Dear Secretary McCarthy, General Milley, and General Brown:

Following up on my calls earlier today, I am writing to ask that Officer Brian D. Sicknick of the United States Capitol Police, who died on Thursday night after protecting our U.S. Capitol and the democratic process taking place therein, be given special recognition and honors by the Department of Defense for his service, including the privilege of burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Staff Sergeant Sicknick was a six-year veteran of the New Jersey Air National Guard and deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Southern Watch and Kyrgyzstan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, before being honorably discharged in 2003. This week, Officer Sicknick gave his life in service to the same oath he took as an Airman: to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. He paid the ultimate price in fulfilling his oath.

I urge you to take the necessary steps to give Officer Sicknick and his family the honor they deserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elissa Slotkin".

Elissa Slotkin
Member of Congress

CC: Speaker Nancy Pelosi, U.S. House of Representatives
Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, U.S. Senate