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Senator Brian Feldman, Chair
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
Maryland State Senate
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Feldman,

I write to express my full support for *Senate Bill 962 - January 6th Insurrectionists - Prohibition on Service in Certain Government Roles*. This bill will protect our state's institutions from individuals who have shown their willingness to resort to violence to achieve their political goals. These actions and those who are willing to take them have no place in our state government.

The January 6, 2021 attack on the United States Capitol represents one of the darkest moments in our national history. As we all know, that day we witnessed Americans, at the direction of the President of the United States, storm the Capitol to disrupt the constitutionally-required certification of the 2020 Presidential election in a joint session of Congress. The chaos unleashed by the President's supporters damaged our Capitol, caused countless injuries and several tragic deaths, and forever stained our shared American experiment.

Following the attack, the Department of Justice charged more than 1,500 individuals with a variety of criminal charges, resulting in more than 1,000 rioters being put behind bars.¹ More than 1,000 rioters confessed or pleaded guilty to offenses including assault of law enforcement officers, trespass, and seditious conspiracy. Those prosecuted were given due process under the law, and many were duly convicted by a jury of their peers.

After retaking the Presidency, President Trump pardoned or commuted the sentences of all of his rioters for their clearly unlawful conduct on January 6th. The very people who attacked the heart of

¹ Alanna Durkin Richer, Michael Kunzelman & Eric Tucker, *Here's where Jan. 6 trials stand on the fourth anniversary of the Capitol riot*, PBS NewsHour (Jan. 6, 2025),

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/heres-where-jan-6-trials-stand-on-the-fourth-anniversary-of-the-capitol-riot>

our national democracy, the reliability and trustworthiness of our institutions, were released from jails and given a legal token of appreciation from the President who ordered their unlawful attack.

Although the President has broad authority to commute or pardon criminals convicted of federal crimes, the state has both the authority and responsibility to run our agencies, commissions, and boards in ways that align with our values. Those who attacked the Capitol on January 6th showed their disdain for our institutions and representative democracy. Senate Bill 962 is an important step in ensuring that we uphold the integrity of our state government by prohibiting insurrectionists from serving in state government. By prohibiting those who were convicted of crimes connected to the January 6th insurrection, this bill would make certain that we can trust our state government institutions.

I strongly urge this committee to give *January 6th Insurrectionists - Prohibition on Service in Certain Government Roles* favorable consideration and I thank you and your committee for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "April McClain Delaney", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

April McClain Delaney
Member of Congress