



Legislation Text

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Agenda Section: Action

Item Title:

Authorizing letter to the Maryland State General Assembly regarding the attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021

Suggested Action:

I move the Mayor and Council authorize Interim Mayor Kevin Ward to send a letter to the Maryland State General Assembly regarding the attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. The letter shall communicate the following items:

- Calls on MGA to provide legislative action to empower the MD AG and State's Attorneys greater capacity to protect Maryland communities from domestic terror.
- Requests A commission/task force to plan greater coordination between State resources and local agencies in responding to the threat of domestic terror within Maryland municipalities. This includes an analysis of the actions on Jan 6 and the development of a detailed response and coordination plan.
- Requests A commission to determine the extent and pervasiveness of biased or extremist views held by law enforcement officers within the State of Maryland, and provide recommendations on corrective actions.
- A commitment to great public awareness and data sharing through reports and analysis on the current status of the threat of domestic terrorism in the State of Maryland.

Summary Background:

While the act of insurrection against the US Capitol was an egregious offense against Democracy worthy of commendation, greater work across the State of Maryland is required to address the persistent threat of domestic terrorism. Action from the State of Maryland is especially required, given the consideration that individuals who have committed such acts against the US Capitol may receive a federal pardon. This letters is a request for a Statewide focus on public awareness, coordination in response to, local support for, and accountability for those who commit acts of, domestic terror.

Next Steps:

Upon approval, the letter will be drafted and mailed to the General Assembly.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

City Administrator Comments:

N/A

Community Engagement:

N/A

Strategic Goals:

Goal 1 - Ensure Transparent and Accessible Governance

Legal Review Required?

Pending