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Acting Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Acting Attorney General Rosen:

I am shocked, saddened, disgusted, and angry about the assault on our United States Capitol and our democracy yesterday. This was not a protest, but a brazen criminal insurrection. I am requesting that the Department of Justice (“DOJ”) immediately conduct a thorough criminal investigation and prosecute anyone, including President Donald Trump, for inciting and carrying out this riot. *See, e.g.*, 18 U.S.C. §§ 111, 373, 1361. DOJ’s immediate action is required to protect our democracy, defend the rule of law, and hold accountable those who attempted to overturn the will of the American people. As the nation’s chief law enforcement officer, you have a unique role to play to demonstrate that no one is above the law and that our country is governed by the rule of law, not mob rule.

Vermont stands ready to assist you in any way necessary to investigate and prosecute the wrongdoers of this seditious act.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. J. Donovan". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Thomas J. Donovan
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