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IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO: All Members of Congress and Staff

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DATE: January 4, 2021

SUBJECT: Security Information - Wednesday, January 6 Joint Session

As a result of the January 6 Joint Session of Congress, Members and staff should expect demonstration activity and street closures to impact access to the U.S. Capitol Complex. The following information is being provided to assist your office in planning accordingly.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Members and staff are strongly encouraged to arrive as early as possible on January 6. The Joint Session will begin at 1:00 PM, with demonstrations expected to occur early morning, therefore we recommend Members and staff plan to arrive by 9:00 AM.

The Rayburn, Cannon and East House Underground garages will be open for use. Whenever possible, Members, and staff who are authorized to park in the garages are encouraged to do so. All Capitol plaza and drive permit holders are permitted to park in the Rayburn Garage and will have access to the G1R and G2R levels.

When moving to and from the House Office Buildings and the Capitol, the Sergeant at Arms and U.S. Capitol Police continue to encourage Members and staff to use the underground access points and the Cannon and Rayburn tunnels in lieu of walking outdoors or driving to the Capitol plaza.

STREET CLOSURES

The Metropolitan Police Department has advised that there will be extensive parking restrictions and street closures throughout the District of Columbia. For a full list of restrictions and closures, please visit https://mpdc.dc.gov/release/traffic-advisory-first-amendment-activity-4.

Additionally, intermittent closures in and around Capitol grounds are likely. As noted, due to street closures and large crowds, Members and staff are encouraged to arrive by 9:00 AM on January 6 and to remain on campus throughout the day.

ACCESS TO THE CAPITOL

On January 6, starting at 7:00 AM access to the House side of the plaza and the House wing of the Capitol will be restricted. Only Members, and staff who have an office in the Capitol will be allowed into this area. The Capitol and CVC remain closed to all tours, including Member, staff-led and public tours.

ACCESS TO THE HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

On January 6, starting at 7:00 AM access to the House Office Building will be restricted. Only Members, and staff with a valid Congressional ID will be allowed into the House Office Buildings.

In addition to the current vehicle barricades, garages and pedestrian entrances, access to the following vehicular barricades will be modified to assist Members and staff accessing the campus on January 6.

Vehicular Barricades

• Washington Avenue & C Street, SW (C Street) 5:00 AM – 9:00 PM (or 30 minutes after adjournment)

• New Jersey & D Street, SE 7:30 AM – 10:00 PM

To support the safety and security of Members and staff, the U.S. Capitol Police will have additional personnel posted throughout Capitol Grounds. Please keep the following phone numbers available should you need any security related assistance:

• Reporting Emergencies:

From a Capitol Complex landline: 911
From a Cell Phone: (202) 225-0911

• General Security Questions:

o HSAA Police Services Division: (202) 225-1000

Thank you for your continued assistance and cooperation. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact my office at (202) 225-2456.