

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, D.C. 20515

September 27, 2021

Karen H. Gibson  
Chair  
Capitol Police Board  
119 D Street NE  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Gibson:

In light of the end of bicameral, bipartisan negotiations on police reform legislation, we ask that the Capitol Police Board require all uniformed U.S. Capitol Police officers to use body and dashboard cameras.

In particular, we urge the Board to implement the policies outlined in the Federal Police Camera and Accountability Act (H.R. 1163), which directs all uniformed federal law enforcement officers to wear body cameras and all marked federal law enforcement cars to have dashboard cameras. The bill has already passed the House of Representatives twice as part of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act.

We originally introduced this legislation following the November 2017 fatal shooting of unarmed 25-year-old Bijan Ghaisar by U.S. Park Police officers. Footage of the shooting was captured by a dashboard camera in the marked car of a Fairfax County Police officer who responded to the scene. Without that footage, the Ghaisar family and the public would not have known the circumstances surrounding Bijan Ghaisar's death.

The January 6<sup>th</sup> attack on the U.S. Capitol reinforced the importance of body cameras. The Metropolitan Police Department officers who responded to the attack had body cameras, which not only helped us better understand the events of the day, but also helped identify those who attacked police officers and the Capitol.

It is important that the U.S. Capitol police officers use body and dashboard cameras to protect themselves and the public.

Sincerely,



Eleanor Holmes Norton  
Member of Congress



Donald S. Beyer Jr.  
Member of Congress