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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
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The White House
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Mr. President:

I am writing to raise serious concerns about the rapidly deteriorating public-safety situation in Washington, D.C. The tragic shooting of two National Guard members, leading to the death of U.S. Army Specialist Sarah Beckstrom, devastated our entire country. She did not die on some distant battlefield or in a war-torn foreign country. She died here, in the United States, while protecting American citizens just blocks from the White House. Her fellow Guardsman, U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe, was also shot during this attack and continues to fight for his life.

This was not a random act of violence. This was an attack on uniformed service members who were deployed to restore order in a city that for too long has allowed chaos to thrive. Earlier this year, on August 11, 2025, your Administration initiated the first federal takeover of D.C.'s law-enforcement structure under the Home Rule Act. Federal agencies, along with National Guard units from across the country, were mobilized because the District's leadership had repeatedly failed to keep the city safe. That intervention was necessary, but Specialist Beckstrom's death and Staff Sergeant Wolfe's critical injuries make it clear that temporary measures are not enough.

History proves that when Washington, D.C. falls into crisis, federal leadership is not just warranted but needed, particularly when local governance consistently fails. During major federal task-force operations, and in every period where federal authority stepped in, violent crime dropped, offenders were removed from the streets, and order was restored. Each time federal oversight ended, the city slid back into chaos.

Today, the consequences of that cycle have turned deadly. A National Guardsman is dead. Another remains in critical condition. And the city entrusted with protecting our federal institutions is once again descending into its old cycle of violence.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to consider once again reasserting full federal control over Washington, D.C.'s law-enforcement and security operations under the Home Rule Act until a time you deem public safety is restored. The capital of the United States cannot be allowed to deteriorate into a place where criminals feel empowered to murder the very people protecting it.

Specialist Sarah Beckstrom deserved better. Andrew Wolfe deserves better. Every Guardsman, every federal employee, and every American in this city deserves better.

Thank you for your leadership and for your commitment to restoring law and order in our nation.

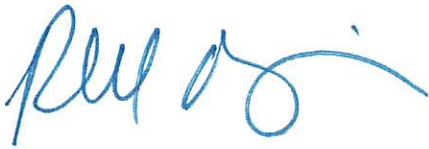
Respectfully,



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