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Greetings Members,

CREA extends its deepest sympathies to the families of Officers Brian Sicknick and Howard Liebengood, whose losses will be felt across our Capitol community. CREA expresses our deepest gratitude for all of those who courageously confronted the violent insurrection on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, and labored to keep CRS staff and other colleagues on Capitol Hill safe, including those who were injured in the process. We are also grateful to all the staff in the Capitol Complex who managed the aftermath of the violence. Their efforts to keep the Capitol complex clean and running every day is often thankless work. We are inspired and grateful for their commitment to restoring order and cleanliness mere hours after facing threats to their own safety by a violent mob. We commend their dedication and public service.

We have heard your concerns about security and communication lapses that jeopardized the safety of Library staff and about possible future security threats. CREA will continue to advocate for strengthening safety and communications standards throughout the Library and stand in alliance with other labor unions working to improve safety and communication procedures throughout the Capitol complex. CREA stands with those calling for a thorough and full investigation into the security breaches and for accountability for any public safety officials who neglected their duties. Finally, CREA recognizes that the attacks on the Capitol have heightened anxiety and fear among many and urge you to contact the [Employee Assistance Program](#) should you need emotional support.

Sincerely,

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