

Common Cause Urges “Yes” Vote on Resolution to Create Select Committee to Investigate January 6th Insurrection; Will Score Vote in Our Next Democracy Scorecard

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Dear Representative:

Our democracy was attacked by insurrectionists in a failed coup attempt on January 6th, 2021. The American people deserve a full accounting of the facts and causes—the truth—relating to the January 6th insurrection at the Capitol. The racist, violent mob subverted the peaceful transfer of power, marching through the halls of Congress with Confederate flags, bear spray, cudgels, and zip ties and causing multiple deaths in an unsuccessful attempt to overturn the presidential election. The assault on Congress as it met to certify the election was an attack on voters, especially Black and brown voters, who showed up in record numbers to cast their ballots in the midst of a global pandemic. We must ensure that a similar attack never happens again.

On behalf of Common Cause’s more than 1.5 million supporters, **we urge you to vote “yes” on H.Res. 503** to create a select committee to investigate the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol. **We will score the vote on this resolution in our next [Democracy Scorecard](#).**

Shamefully, a minority of the U.S. Senate filibustered the House-passed proposal for an independent commission to investigate, but Congress must still find the truth. Those who stormed the Capitol to subvert our democracy must continue to be held accountable. Violence did not alter the outcome of this democratic election, and we must not let this violence be forgotten. The select committee proposed in H.Res. 503 will help develop a full public record and narrative to prevent against the significant dis- and misinformation that we’ve seen about the violent attack at the Capitol on January 6th. It will also make recommendations to prevent future violence. We call on all representatives to put their country over party and support this resolution. This committee is needed to prevent reckless and dangerous behavior from causing any more bloodshed or other damage to our nation and our democracy.

This resolution comes down to a simple question: are you on the side of truth and protecting our free and fair elections, or are you on the side of the insurrectionists? All Americans deserve truth and transparency, and we strongly urge a “yes” vote on H.Res. 503.

Sincerely,



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