

Common Cause Urges the House to Support the Criminal Contempt Resolution for Stephen K. Bannon for Ignoring Congressional Subpoena; Will “Score” Vote in our Next Democracy Scorecard

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Dear Representative:

No American is above the law, including the former President, his associates, and other elected officials. However, Steve Bannon has ignored and failed to comply with a subpoena from the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol. On a unanimous, bipartisan vote earlier this week, the Select Committee referred criminal contempt charges to the full House. We therefore urge the House to certify a contempt citation against Mr. Bannon and urge a “yes” vote on the criminal contempt resolution.

Common Cause will “score” this vote in our next [Democracy Scorecard](#), which we send to our 1.5 million supporters and to press.

Americans deserve to know the full truth about the attack on our democracy on January 6th at the U.S. Capitol when a violent, racist mob attempted to overturn the result of the 2020 election. We deserve the truth and must understand the causes behind the attack that left fatalities and scores of seriously injured in its wake. The truth is vitally important to establish at a time when many – even some Members of Congress – are trying to whitewash the vicious attack by a mob bearing Confederate flags, bear spray, cudgels, and zip ties with bombs and weapons caches hidden nearby. Mr. Bannon has information about the January 6th insurrection, and we Americans deserve to find out what he knows about that deadly day.

We are a nation of laws, but far too often, the rich, powerful, and well-connected are let off the hook or given a slap on the wrist. That cannot happen with Mr. Bannon, who has openly flouted the rule of law. He must be held to account. If the House votes to advance criminal contempt proceedings against Mr. Bannon, the Department of Justice must fulfill its duty and do whatever is necessary to enforce these charges.

We strongly urge a “yes” vote to advance criminal contempt charges against Steve Bannon for ignoring a congressional subpoena.

Sincerely,



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