March 3, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

We write to ask that you remove Lieutenant General Russel Honoré, USA (Ret.) from investigating the events of January 6, 2021. The magnitude of the security failures warrants a serious response that reinspires public confidence in our institutions. This necessitates that the investigators be non-partisan, serious, of a sound temperament, and honest. General Honoré has proven himself to possess none of these attributes, and he is categorically the wrong person for the job.

General Honoré has a long history of posting inappropriate, vulgar, partisan, divisive, and hateful rhetoric on Twitter, and he has repeatedly impugned the character of multiple Senators and members of the House of Representatives. Any one of the several below instances should disqualify him from this position:

- Via Twitter, General Honoré said of a member of the House, “Put Her Stupid A** on the No Fly List.”
- General Honoré tweeted that a former member of the House is a “crazy, fascist b*tch.”
- General Honoré tweeted a photo of current and former members of the House and Senate with the caption, “This is why Florida is F****d.”
- Via Twitter, General Honoré called a member of the Senate, “This little piece of s**t with his Yale law degree should be run out of DC and Disbarred ASAP.”
- Via Twitter, General Honoré called a member of the United States Senate a “coward,” “leech,” and “really stupid.”

Additionally, General Honoré defamed the honorable men and women of the United States Capitol Police. Speaker Pelosi, in your letter introducing legislation awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to the Capitol Police, you wrote, “The outstanding heroism and patriotism of the U.S. Capitol Police deserves and demands our deepest appreciation.” In this sentiment, we agree. So how could you appoint a man who says such vulgar things about the brave men and women who put on the uniform and protect our Capitol every day? This is what General Honoré thinks about the Capitol Police:

- General Honoré impugned the officers of the United States Capitol Police by tweeting on January 6, 2021, “they lost their honor. They may avoid consequences, but they won't be able to put on that uniform with honor.”
- On January 6th, General Honoré tweeted, “[Capitol] Police made Mall Cops look good today.”
- General Honoré prejudicially condemned Capitol Police, tweeting, “they look totally ill prepared today…it was capital security and not the DC police is responsible for this. They knew this was coming. They let people in.”
While General Honoré spent his day on January 6th insulting the men and women of the Capitol Police, they were busy protecting you, me, and other members of Congress. The heroism of the Capitol Police will not be forgotten.

Given General Honoré’s egregious statements, we ask that he be removed from the investigation. Furthermore, we reaffirm my colleagues’ requests for a bi-partisan, transparent, and honest investigation that is free from partisan politics and divisive tactics.

Sincerely,

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