



WISCONSIN STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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79TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

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Governor Scott Walker
115 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Walker:

Enough is enough. Today's horrifying escalation of violence with the arrests at the Capitol sing-alongs prove the current police practices must stop.

As Chief Executive Officer, it is within your authority to change the attitude and tactics of the Capitol Police force. The current arrest policies and process clearly are not changing or discouraging the noontime gatherings and, instead, has been attracting more people to the Rotunda than have been present for months.

Today, my 11 year old daughter was with me at work. Thankfully she did not witness the terrifying events between one of the observers and the police force. She would have been extremely frightened. This is my workplace. It is simply a matter of time before the increased aggression in the arrests triggers an incident which we will all regret. I have heard directly from witnesses and have viewed the video of today's chilling events.

You have a public relations nightmare at hand. News media is calling for an end to the heavy-handed police authority. Wait until they see today's actions. I join them in requesting you put a halt to the aggressive procedures, and allow the Capitol to return to the welcoming home of Wisconsin's representative government.

Sincerely,

Dianne Hesselbein
State Representative
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