

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	Case No. 1:21-cr-35-EGS
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v.	:	
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JEFFREY SABOL	:	

MOTION FOR PRETRIAL RELEASE

The defendant, through undersigned counsel, respectfully requests that this Honorable Court order Mr. Sabol’s release from detention pending trial.

As grounds for his request, Mr. Sabol, through undersigned counsel states:

BACKGROUND

On January 11, 2021, Mr. Sabol was stopped by police in New City, NY for a traffic violation. Upon approaching his vehicle, officers observed that Mr. Sabol had several apparently self-inflicted wounds. Mr. Sabol was transported for medical care. Officers interviewed Mr. Sabol at the Westchester Medical Center on January 12th and 13th. Mr. Sabol was presented in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York on January 22, 2021 in relation to a U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia arrest warrant. Magistrate Judge Andrew E. Krause denied the request for release and ordered Mr. Sabol detained as a “risk of flight/danger.” See Minute Entry, 7:21-mj-866-UA-1 (1/22/2021). Mr. Sabol was then transported to the District of Columbia area. Mr. Sabol is currently detained at Northern Neck Regional Jail, which is a two-hour drive from Washington, D.C.

The government filed an eight count indictment against Mr. Sabol on January 29, 2021. *See* ECF #8. Mr. Sabol is charged one count of Assaulting, Resisting, or Impeding Certain Officers Using a Dangerous Weapon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 111(a)(1), (b); one count of Assaulting, Resisting, or Impeding Certain Officers, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 111(a)(1); two counts of Civil Disorder, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 231(a)(3); one count of Entering and Remaining in a Restricted Building or Grounds with a Deadly or Dangerous Weapon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1), (b)(1)(A); one count of Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building or Grounds With a Deadly or Dangerous Weapon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(2), (b)(1)(A); one count of Engaging in Physical Violence in a Restricted Building or Grounds with a Deadly or Dangerous Weapon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(4), (b)(1)(A); and one count of Violent Entry and Disorderly Conduct in a Capitol Building, in violation of 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(F). The first seven counts are felonies while the eighth count is a misdemeanor. The most serious offense, a violation of section 111(b), carries a 20-year maximum penalty. None of the charges carry a mandatory minimum.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

According to the government, Mr. Sabol can be seen on video and photographs from January 6th protests outside of the U.S. Capitol. These videos and photographs purport to show Mr. Sabol in a large throng of individuals near a tunnel and archway connecting the interior of the U.S. capitol to the exterior of the U.S. Capitol. Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Officer Officer B.M. reported to the tunnel on his evening shift, at approximately 4:00 to 5:00 PM.

The government further alleges that Mr. Sabol is visible participating, along with other individuals, in pulling B.M. down the stairs and striking him. The statement of facts in support of

complaint, which charged one count of violating 18 U.S.C. § 231(a)(3), does not discuss the factual basis for other charges in the indictment. Separately, undersigned counsel has viewed a different video that shows the individual identified by the government as Mr. Sabol in the photos and video stills embedded in the Statement of Facts.¹ A voice can be heard urging others to not attack officers. Undersigned counsel also has spoken to a witness who has known Mr. Sabol for over 10 years and who says the voice in the video is that of Mr. Sabol.

ARGUMENT

Per the docket entry and document filed on Jan. 22, 2021, ECF #3, Magistrate Judge Andrew Krause detained Mr. Sabol as a risk of flight/danger. The order references a transcript, which undersigned counsel has not viewed. A bond hearing “may be reopened ... at any time before trial if the judicial officer find that information exists that was not known to the movant at the time of hearing and that has a material bearing on the issue” of pretrial detention. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f). Since being hired to represent Mr. Sabol, thirty friends and family members of Mr. Sabol have drafted and submitted letters on Mr. Sabol’s character and ties to the community,² which were not before Magistrate Judge Krause. Additionally, the video referenced above was not presented to Magistrate Judge Krause.

Relevant factors in determining whether conditions of release exist that will assure the appearance of the person at hearings and the safety of any other person in the community include: (1) the nature and circumstances of the offense charged, (2) the weight of evidence against the person; (3) the history and characteristics of the person; and (4) the nature and

¹ The video will be submitted via email to the Court and government.

² Redacted copies of the letters are filed along with the motion. Unredacted copies will be submitted to the Court and government via email.

seriousness of the danger to any person or the community posed by an individual's release. 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f). In light of these considerations, Mr. Sabol is a strong candidate for pretrial release.

The government alleges that Mr. Sabol is on video striking MPD Officer B.M. with a dangerous weapon – a police baton. Additionally, the indictment alleges Mr. Sabol separately “did forcibly assault, resist, oppose, impede, intimidate, and interfere with” MPD Officer A.W., without a deadly or dangerous weapon. The remaining counts also arise from this alleged conduct and Mr. Sabol's general presence outside of the U.S. Capitol on January 6th. Although the alleged conduct is serious, it appears to have arisen in the context of a hysterical throng. The attached character letters indicate that any alleged violent conduct by Mr. Sabol would be out of character for him. The government has disclosed video and photographic evidence of at least one of the alleged assaults. In light of the additional video undersigned counsel has viewed, the government's video is ambiguous as to whether the individual in the video believed himself to be helping, rather than harming, the officer B.M.

The character letters offered in support of this motion paint a very different picture of Mr. Sabol than the one the government alleges. In particular, the people who know Mr. Sabol best say he is a peaceful and nonviolent person. He has strong communities in New York, where his family resides, and Colorado, where he resides with his long-time girlfriend. The volume and content of the attached letters offer strong support in favor of release – Mr. Sabol is a responsible person who has strong support from friends and family. Mr. Sabol volunteers in his community through the Westernaires organization and also takes an active role in his community by helping neighbors and friends when they need it. Many of the individuals writing in his support indicate

their surprise at the allegations in this case and indicate. To the extent that probable cause for these offenses exist, the letters indicate that it would be an aberration at the very least. At the time of his arrest, Mr. Sabol had reached a mental breaking point. He has recovered from the episode and is focused on resolving this case responsibly.

Mr. Sabol is 51 years old. He has lived in Colorado for 28 years. He has lived at his current address since 2012. Mr. Sabol has three children from a previous marriage. Mr. Sabol is one of three children, although his brother is deceased. Mr. Sabol is close with his family. His parents and sister live in New York state. Mr. Sabol also has a long employment record. Mr. Sabol was employed at the time of his arrest. He has worked as a Senior Geophysical Manager for Kemron, where he has been employed for 6.5 years. Prior to that he worked for ECC for 13 years and Parsons Environmental for 1 year.

Although the most serious charged offense carries a maximum penalty of 20 years, none of the offenses have mandatory minimums. Mr. Sabol has a long record of living as a productive and positive member of society. If released, Mr. Sabol could return to his residence in Colorado—he would be a long distance from the location of the alleged crime and victims, who are strangers to Mr. Sabol, in this case. The pretrial service report in New York recommended release on an unsecured bond with conditions to include surrendering his passport, GPS monitoring, and restricted travel to his home and the District of Columbia for court. Release with strict conditions is appropriate in this case.

WHEREFORE, for all these reasons and any that may appear to the Court, the defendant, through undersigned counsel, respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the defendant's Motion for Pretrial Release and release Mr. Sabol to HISP.

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ORDER

Upon consideration of Defendant Jeffrey Sabol's Motion for Pretrial Release, it is this
____ day of _____, 20__, hereby

ORDERED that the Motion is granted; and it is further

ORDERED that Mr. Sabol is released to HISP.

THE HONORABLE JUDGE EMMET G. SULLIVAN

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January 30, 2021

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Your Honor,

My name is [REDACTED] Jeffrey Sabol is my older brother. I am writing this letter to give you some insight into the person that my brother was and is.

I am a dentist and a colonel in the U.S. Army with over 19 years on active duty. My brother has found a way to serve his country not via active duty, but working on decommissioned military sites to discover unexploded ordnance so the land can be used safely. He has done this for over 20 years, first working as the person who discovers the materials, and then promoted to his most recent position of quality control and safety to ensure that all employees are protected at every level of this incredibly dangerous work.

You could describe our upbringing as safe, comfortable, and loving. Small town, USA is an appropriate moniker. We had our oldest brother, Andy, who became an attorney, only to leave that profession to become a teacher. He passed away unexpectedly in 2014 of atrial fibrillation at the age of 46. Jeff was 44 and I was 42 at the time. This has mentally decimated our family in such an unfathomable way. Although Jeff was in Colorado, Andy in New York, and I had just recently moved from Washington, D.C., to Georgia, we all could have called on one another at any time. Physical proximity was not relevant. I do not know how much Andy and Jeff spoke, but when we would get together in New York, you could see the bond between brothers that only they could have. But when Andy passed away so suddenly, that touchstone evaporated. Jeff and I had each other as before, but our leader was gone. And I believe at this point Jeff lost his bearing and allowed himself to be led by others that steered him down a negative path.

But this never changed his true self of being a good person. Jeff has always been the helper, the pleaser, the family man. I would come to visit him in Colorado for skiing and he would examine my equipment to make sure it was proper without even asking. Ever the protector of his little sister. He would come to New York or Florida to visit my parents for vacation and spend the entire time doing home improvement, clearing brush for fire safety, or helping fix cars. He had planned this summer to remove some questionable plumbing at my parent's house. Who plans their summer vacation around doing plumbing? And Jeff has often told me of all the things he would do for his neighbors and friends at no cost, like fixing cars or making fencing or decks because he knew they could not afford the work or have the knowledge to do it. His time was precious but he was willing to give it up for those who needed it.

Never would I characterize Jeff as someone who would hurt others. Never. He is the peacekeeper. He is that guy who steps in and breaks up a fight, not be the participant. The events of January 6 are completely inconsistent with Jeff and how he has lived his life. His job is safety and protecting others. That is who he is.

Your Honor, I hope you read this letter and look favorably on my brother, Jeff. He is a good man with a kind heart that got swept up in the emotions of that day. He thought he was doing the right thing and participated in a rally that became something that no one would have imagined.

Sincerely,





U.S District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

30 January 2021

Your Honor,

We understand that our son, Jeffrey Sabol was present at the events at the Capitol on January 6, 2021.

We raised Jeffrey in a small town in upstate New York with his Dad, a high school science teacher, his Mom, a registered nurse, an older brother, and a younger sister. He had a typical childhood, and was involved in sports, Scouts, school clubs and musicals. He did very well in school, graduating third in his class, all with having part time jobs. He handled a busy schedule responsibly, had many friends, and we were proud to be his parents.

He received a degree in Physics from SUNY Cortland, and began his career. Colorado had always called to him, so off he went, eventually gaining employment as a geophysicist at an environmental company. That company, and later Kemron, his last company, sent him all over the country as well as Guam, Midway and Afghanistan to clear military sites of unexploded ordnance.

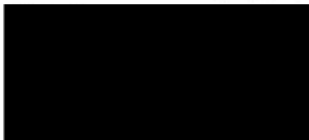
He has lived in Colorado for 25 years, married, and had three children. Later divorced, he has remained close to them. He would have loved full custody of them, but had to settle for 50/50 custody. He has always been faithful with child support payments. His kids are his life. For years, he has volunteered every Saturday at their shared activity of Westernaires, a riding and horse show group for young people.

Because we have stayed in New York and wintered in Florida, we do not see as much of each other as we would like, but frequent phone calls and extended visits a few times a year help fill the gap. When home, he gets into doing things with his Dad that he knows should be done. He would like to make things easier for us. He is generous to many people with his time and expertise in mechanics and carpentry.

Six years ago when his brother died, Jeff was so very supportive of us. He took extensive time off from work to be with us and handle necessary tasks, though he too was grieving. It would have been very difficult without him. He was our rock.

Jeff loves his kids, his girlfriend, his parents, his sister and her family. We love and support him, and are struggling to imagine our Jeff involved in anything other than attending Mr. Trump's rally on January 6th.

Please know that he is a good, good, man.



Your Honor,

My name is [REDACTED] I am Jeffrey Sabol's significant other of 8.5 years. I have known the Sabol family for about 35 years now. A great upstanding family.

Jeff and I started dating 8.5 years ago July 2012. when Jeff came home to Waterville NY with his 3 kids to visit his parents for the summer. I own my house right next door to his parents, who I actually bought my house from.

Over the next 7 weeks, Jeff would invite me to go on day trips with him, the kids and his parents. We spent a lot of time getting to know each other. The thing that attracted me most to Jeff is his Love and Dedication to his kids and family. Jeff is a family oriented man, which is very important to me.

On his vacation to his parents house I got to witness his bed time ritual with his kids. Every night we played a game before bed, he tucked them in with prayers and talked with each of them about the day or whatever was on their mind. Jeff continues this bed time ritual today when the kids are with us and they are 15 and 19 years of age.

Jeff and kids went home to Colorado after 7 weeks, and he called me everyday for a year. During that year he flew me out to colorado a couple of times to get to know him and the kids better.

There was just something about Jeff that made me happy. His smile, his selfishness, his passion for his kids, and life. He is the most honest, peaceful, non violent person I have ever met. He is loving, giving, and always willing to help others. Neighbors, friends, family, even strangers. I have seen him give not his shirt off his back, but his coat off his back to a young girl who happened to be hiking the same 14er we were hiking. These girls were from Denver area and not dressed properly, we saw them at the top of the mountain freezing. I gave one them a coat from my bag, and Jeff gave the other his coat off his back and he went back down the mountain without a coat.

Jeff is a very generous man. He gives his time as well as labor to those in need. He has tutored kids we know struggling with a class at no expense in his spare time, our downstairs neighbor raises her 12 year old grandson alone, and so she can afford to stay in her apartment, Jeff pays part of the utilities so she can provide for her grandson. As well as does mechanic work so she doesn't have to pay a mechanic .

Jeff has always been very involved with his kids and their activities and school projects. Organized the school carnival for a number of years to help raise money for the school. All 3 kids were in a program called Westernaires. So Jeff became a wrangler and volunteered for 8 years with the organization. He fed horses every Saturday and many Sundays, cooked, cleaned sick bay, and was barn Dad on away trips, as well as helped with maintenance of equipment and campus, at his cost. Something Jeff looked forward to and found peace in every week.

These are the many qualifications in Jeff that led me to fall in love with him over and over again during the 8.5 years we have been together. So much that I resigned from my job of 28 years in 2013 as Dietary Manager at our local Nursing Home. Left my family, friends , home behind, but

not forgotten and moved to Colorado to continue to build a life with Jeffrey Sabol. A man of many wonderful character traits I have described.

Your Honor, I am blessed to have Jeff in my life and proud to call him my better half. I hope you will take my thoughts into consideration. Please feel free to contact me for further information.

Sincerely,

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Date: February 2, 2021

To: Mr. Jon Norris
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Regarding: Jeffrey Sabol Character Reference

Dear Mr. Norris,

My name is [REDACTED] I live in Denver CO and I have known Jeff for at least 25 years. I am a 57 year old, happily married, father of three, registered democrat, small business owner, who happens to be Jewish.

I moved to Aspen CO from Baltimore MD in 1985 to pursue my Rugby and Ski dreams. I soon realized that Aspen was a little too fast and little too expensive for me, and I migrated to Denver. I met Jeff originally through Rugby but I consider Jeff a life time friend that goes far beyond the sport we played together on the pitch.

When Jeffrey joined the Denver Highlanders Rugby Club sometime in the early 90's I believe, I was one the captains of the team. Rugby is a physical sport played by gentlemen; camaraderie, sportsmanship and respect are core values for rugby players. We are helpers of the less fortunate and defenders against bullies.

I mention the rugby part because over the course of playing ball with Jeff for 10 or 15 years, he always treated the game, his teammates and opponents with dignity and respect. Jeff never did anything cheap and always represented the values I mentioned above. He was a great teammate and always put the team first. When we did charity events at places like Children's Hospital in Denver you could always count on Jeff to be there and help.

During and after our rugby years we established a stronger friendship outside the game. We went camping, rafting, skiing, etc. and we spent time together with our families and friends. Jeff is a very knowledgeable and he would always lend a helping hand. Maybe you needed help with your tent or someone to play with the kids. He'd help you move, fix your car, etc. Jeff has always been there for others and I know his heart is good.

Most people see me as a liberal democrat. I like to think of myself as fiscally responsible, socially liberal. I mention this because Jeff is conservative. We have had many discussions / debates and Jeff is one of the few people I can actually have a conversation with about politics and it doesn't get nasty. Jeff was always real about his position on a subject we were debating but he always listened and respected my opinion.

I mentioned Jewish because the whole uprising clearly had a White Nationalist feel. As a hard working American Jew it's hard to believe this type of hate still exists but it does. With that said I can tell you that Jeff has never judged me or anyone I know based on their religion, race, etc. He has known my religious beliefs for as long as we've known each other and he has never shown me anything but respect and equality.

I thought it was important for me to send this character letter. When I saw the events of Jan 6th unfold I was shocked, appalled, angry, you name it. I couldn't believe these crazy conspiracy believers were attacking the capital. When I learned that Jeff was one of the protestors it really hit home and hurt because I know Jeff would never hurt a police officer, I know that to my core.

I'm mad. I'm mad at Jeff but I'm even madder at the politicians and leaders who for weeks stoked the election lie leading up to January 6th and especially those same leaders and politicians that roused up the mob that morning. They made a good man like Jeff believe in and act on their lies.

So in conclusion I am hurting for my friend Jeffrey. He will have to live with his actions that day but I am here to tell you that Jeffrey Sabol is a good man, a good father, a good teammate and a good friend.

I would be willing to testify in court to the accuracy and truth to everything I have said in this letter. My cell number is [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

January 31, 2021

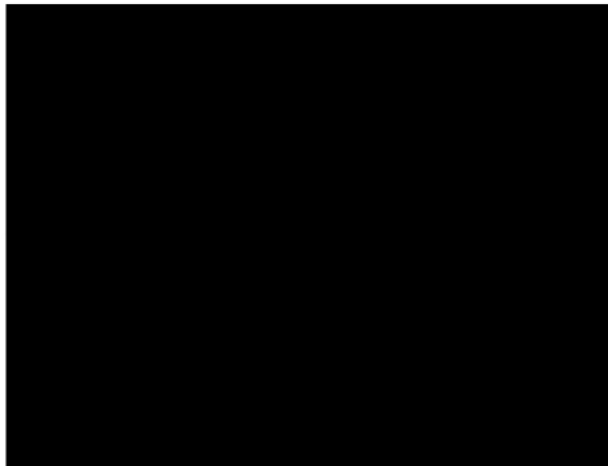
To whom it may concern:

We write as a couple that has known Jeffery Patrick Sabol since his elementary school days. We and our children know the Sabol's and Jeff as both of our family's lived in a small rural town in upstate New York. Yes, the kind of town where everyone is your neighbor. It is in this setting that the young man Jeff Sabol and his siblings grew and flourished in. He continued from here into developing his education and his professional life with a constant focus on excellence.

In his adult life he maintained this focus on improving things around him even taking a hobby of snowboarding to the level of "What can be improved here?". On this track he developed a safer and more versatile version of a snowboard buckling method.

He has always maintained close relationships with his family and friends. This is demonstrated by his continuing friendship with our son even though thousands of miles now separate them as Jeff lives in Colorado and our son in Arizona.

Jeffery Patrick Sabol is known to us as a well educated and devoted father, family man and friend that keeps his commitments whenever he makes them.



Your Honor,

My name is [REDACTED] I know Jeff Sabol as I am friends of his girlfriend, Michelle Waufle's family. I met Jeff this past fall while visiting Colorado.

From the moment I met Jeff, I could tell he was an extremely warm person. He gave me a hug when I came into the house and made me feel very welcome. Over the course of the week that I was visiting I got to know Jeff as an incredibly smart, caring and goofy person. Despite having different views, he always made me feel as though my opinions were heard which is something I value greatly. He took time from his busy schedule to take us to his favorite places and made it his personal mission to make sure I didn't leave Colorado without seeing everything I wanted to. He was always very calm; a peaceful presence, even in the midst of the abundant Colorado traffic jams.

It is obvious that Jeff cares about everyone he meets, however, his family is of utmost importance. His children appear to value their relationship with him, and I have never seen Michelle as happy as she is when they're together. Especially over the past weeks, I have heard endless accounts of Jeff's selflessness and easygoing nature. Not once has anyone had a bad thing to say about him. I believe Jeff to be a peaceful man and to hear what he is accused of was a complete shock.

Jeff and I have not known each other long; however, I realized early on that he is very similar to my father. My father is the man I respect most in the world and I believe that Jeff deserves that same respect. Please take these thoughts into consideration.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Your Honor,

My name is [REDACTED] I know Jeff Sabol through my mother, Michelle Waufle. I have known Jeff for 10 years.

I first remember meeting Jeff when he came home one summer to visit his parents, who are my neighbors. He was very friendly, laid back, and easy to talk to. He is an extremely smart individual that welcomes the company from anyone and everyone. I visit Jeff and my mother in Colorado two times a year and Jeff always makes sure that my time with them is special. He takes time off from his busy work schedule to ensure that I am able to see something different every time I fly out. On numerous occasions I have brought a friend with me to Colorado and Jeff welcomes them into his home with open arms saying, "mi casa es su casa."

Whenever my favorite band is in Colorado I fly out and take Jeff and my mom to the show. I have gone to numerous concerts with Jeff where we have been in situations with difficult people. Jeff simply smiles and reminds them that everyone is there for a good time. Jeff is the type of man that would give the shirt off his back to a stranger. He is always helping out his downstairs neighbor with whatever she needs. He volunteered for 8 years for Westernaires, even after his children were no longer in the program.

The first time I flew out to visit my mom and Jeff in Colorado, Jeff told me there were two things I had to do in order to become a true Colorado native. Eat rocky mountain oysters and jump into the lake at St. Mary's Glacier. Little did he know I already knew what rocky mountain oysters were. He took me to the Glacier and we jumped in; the water had to be about 30 degrees. I was now a Colorado native. I once took Jeff and my mom to a concert and Jeff was impressed by the bassist. Jeff pulled me aside and thanked me for introducing him to this specific band. He told me the next show was on him and it would be at a venue only the locals knew about. That's just how Jeff is; welcoming, accepting, peaceful and loving.

When I heard the news last Friday from my mother I was in shock. The Jeff Sabol that I know is not a violent man or instigator at all. I love my mother with all my heart, and I want what is best for her. Jeff has made her the happiest she has ever been, and it is clear to me that he is what's best for her. If I thought for a second that Jeff was a violent person, my mother would not be with him.

I hope you take these thoughts into consideration.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

1 FEB 2021

From:



Your Honor,

My name is James Anthony. I have known Mr. Jeffrey Sabol for approximately twenty years. I am a former combat decorated United States Army Officer, having served in both Iraq and Afghanistan. My background is in both Psychological Operations and Military Intelligence.

I am proud to have known Jeff as a good friend, neighbor and even while in Afghanistan. He was working on the demining operation at Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan in 2012 while I was there in an advisory capacity to United States Forces.

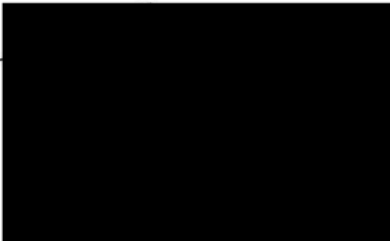
I can say without any reservation whatsoever that Jeff is a man of honor, integrity and decency. The manner in which he is being portrayed with regard to the events of January 6th 2021 at the capitol protest is wholly inconsistent with any behavior I have ever witnessed from him in the past. His respect for both law enforcement and our military have always been not just laudable, but exemplary.

Jeff has never been a threat to anyone at all and poses no threat to the community at large. Jeff has always been a man of integrity. I have never once seen him go back on his word. The decision to release him on bail/bond may be before the court at this time. I can say that if Mr. Sabol gives his word to return for judicial proceedings, or any other requirements the bench may deem necessary, he will do exactly that. I feel strongly enough about this that I would volunteer to be remanded to custody in his stead should he not appear.

The gravitas of this situation is not lost on me. Giving a character reference to the court is something I do not take lightly. It is a *de facto* reflection of my character and integrity as an Officer. If I felt in the slightest that Mr. Sabol was not worthy of this endorsement, I would have refrained from doing so.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very Respectfully,



Your Honor, thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

My name is [REDACTED] and Jeff Sabol is one of my dearest friends. I met him in the summer of 2014, when I moved into the apartment below him in Kittredge, Colorado and we soon became good friends. Anytime I needed help with my vehicle, household fixes or just a friend to talk to he was always there. We spent many weekends grilling and having fun.

Jeff is more than a friend, I consider him family, is one of the best men I've known. Jeff is selfless, kind hearted and, in my experience, has only wanted to help people so he can put smiles on their faces. I recently went through a breakup from a domestically violent relationship and Jeff was there immediately to help and make sure I was safe. He suggested we call for an officer to make sure things would be peaceful and make sure I could get my belongings. Therefore I cannot fathom him doing that which he is being accused of.

Jeff is a great father, an amazing person who is awesome to be around and I would vouch for him any day.

I hope this letter helps to illustrate the wonderful person that is my good friend. Thanks again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

Your Honor,

My name is [REDACTED] I have known Jeff Sabol for the better part of 45 years. I probably have many more thoughts and memories than most of the people that have taken the time to write. I want you to know I do not understand the events that lead up to what Jeff had been part of. I want you to know the man that started off in a small town in Upstate New York. Jeff was my neighbor, he was actually 4 houses from mine. As Jeff and I were kids we were playing and I broke his arm! Jeff never got mad at me about that. It was an accident. Years go by and Jeff was the reliable paper boy that soundly arrived in the rain and snow. Always the reliable one he was. I filled in for Jeff if he was in Pa with family. That wasn't too much to ask and he always wanted me to be sure to remember the older lady that lived on White street needed to have her paper set inside her front door.

I could go on and on about Jeff as a young teen on how he helped me with homework. Jeff is very smart. I'd like to jump to his adult years. As I was home from the military on leave, several of our friends met up one night. I had not seen Jeff in a couple of years. I had a headache while everyone was reminiscing. I didn't see Jeff when he walked in as I had my head down. Jeff came over to me and asked if I was ok? He then disappeared, not too long later Jeff arrived with a bottle of aspirin! Who was the reliable one out of all my friends? Jeff was. Jeff is just that way.

Jeff continues to be the stand up guy he was born to be. On Sundays he volunteers to be the guy that cleans up after horses. He is thankless and has always been the guy to get it done. Again, so many stories I could tell you.

In closing, please take the time to see who Jeff Sabol is and has been. Jeff once was on a barge north side of Alaska going out to some unknown place to get unexploded bombs, his partner fell on the barge and had a compound fractured leg. Jeff to the rescue! Nothing but his calmness and smarts, Jeff set the leg of his partner. Again, Jeff got it done.

Your Honor,

My name is [REDACTED] Jeff Sabol is my neighbor, friend and I consider him my family. I have known Jeff since August 2014 when I moved into an apartment under his residence.

Over the years I have witnessed and been the recipient of Jeff's kind, selfless and compassionate generosity. I have seen him drop everything to help a total stranger get into their car when they have locked their keys inside and help a neighbor whose car need a jump because the battery was dead or help when they have gotten stuck in the snow even seen him stop to help someone with their hood up along the highway then refuse any sort of payment.

Over the time I have known Jeff we have spent thousands of hours together talking. Sharing our experiences, point of views, the joys we've had in our lives and the tragedies. I am a single almost sixty year old who is raising my now twelve year old grandson and Jeff has been there to help me in more ways than I can even remember. From working on my car to fixing my fence when my dog had broke it and gotten out even helping me find her when it was late, dark and about ten degrees out. He sat with me for hours when my service dog of eleven years passed away in my home on my living room floor and then he took the responsibility of taking him to get cremated and at 165lbs in the middle of winter that wasn't an easy task to get him up the stairs and into his truck with me being too distraught to help.

Jeff has been there for my grandson helping to get him to and from school including him in things like working on vehicles, taking him to movies, and helping him with homework when I don't understand it. Every year Jeff buys pumpkins and invites us up to carve them along with his own children and he dresses up to take my Grandson trick or treating. He has babysat for me and pet sits when I have to be out of town

We celebrate birthdays and holidays together like I said we are family.

Jeff is listed as an emergency contact for myself and at the school for my grandson. He has spare keys to my car and my house all of this because of the trust and belief I have in him.

When I first moved in before we had gotten to know and love one another I asked Jeff about Wi-Fi and trash companies and he told me not to worry about it just to use his and save myself a little bit of money.

Your Honor, I could write a book of the ways Jeff has been there for me and the things he has done for me and my family. But the point I am trying to get across is that I know nobody is perfect and I'm sure that even though I make Jeff sound like a saint that he isn't. But the person reflected in the media on the 6th of January 2021 is not the Jeff I know and love. I believe in my heart, mind and soul that Jeff went to D.C. with nothing but good intentions to exercise his 1st amendment rights and stand up for what he believes in.

Jeff isn't perfect but he is a caring, loving and giving person who believes in Family, Community and Country. A person who makes the world a better place just by being in it and I for one can not imagine a life that he isn't a part of.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope you will take all of this into consideration.

God Bless

Sincerely

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JEFF SABOL

29/01/2021

To whom it may concern;

My name is [REDACTED] and I am writing on behalf of my 20+ year long Friendship with Jeff Sabol. I met Jeff through the game of Rugby a long time ago. We instantly became friends and have remained that way for 2 decades. Over the years our friendship has grown stronger and our combined love of adventure and outdoors has kept both of us on each other toes to find new ways to have fun. Jeff is the person to call when you are in trouble or need a hand. He is there to give his time and effort to make sure that you are safe. I helped Jeff start a Sonwboard binding company that is still trying to get off the ground after years of work and refining the product, he is close. Just recently I was heading out on a camping trip, when the 2 wheels on the left side of my camper came completely off, a Friday at 3PM. I was not far from Jeffs house and since AAA would not help me, I called Jeffro, and he was there within half an hour to assist me in getting wheels back on a camper and off the side of a very busy highway, we both did almost get hit by a semi. We have done some amazing camping trips together, Moab, multiple day river trips, camping all over the lovely Rocky Mountains. I just wanted to say that Jeff is extremely loyal, and generous, sincere, person that looks after his inner circle of friends and extends hands to others that need it. A Great dad that loves his kids to death and has been doing everything he can in his power to make sure they get everything that they need. Hopefully this can shed a little light on Jeff Sabol the person that I know and consider a brother. Thank You

Sincerely



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Your Honor,

My name is [REDACTED] I have volunteered for years with Jeff Sabol at Westernaires in Golden, Colorado. Westernaires is a youth horse riding organization with about a thousand kids and five hundred adult volunteers. I have attached the Westernaires mission statement to bottom of this letter for you. One of my jobs there is taking care of the nearly two hundred horses on the weekends when the caretaker is off. Jeff was part of my crew for years as well as a volunteer in many other capacities. Most Saturday afternoons for years I would see Jeff in the pasture with his kids teaching them to drive the loader while putting out 2500 pounds of hay for the herd. Jeff was always someone I could count on (even if I screwed up the schedule) to get his work done, and lots of other work, too.

Jeff took it on himself to make sure that the equipment was well maintained and that the horse sick bay was always clean. Every Saturday he would find kids (sometimes my kids) to help muck the stalls and wash out water troughs. I have seen him hosing out stalls in freezing temperatures with snow coming down. Unless we were working a show, Jeff's uniform was almost never clean because he was always the one to step up and take on dirty jobs. When Westernaires cafeteria kitchen was shorthanded, Jeff would often step in and work the grill, cooking burgers for hours. (We all get assigned kitchen time, Jeff would take on extra.)

Kids and horses can sometimes be dangerous. On several occasions I have seen Jeff step into a dangerous situation with a panicked horse to rescue a young child that he may not even know. I have been in a crowded horse trailer with him when he was knocked to the floor and I helped him back up. He got up bruised and filthy but continued to help the kids get their horses out and get ready for the show.

Jeff and I often had lunch together in the bleachers watching our kids ride. The jokes were sometimes off color but usually funny. He often talked about helping his father work on the house when he went back to New York. As an Army veteran, I could relate to some of the work stories he told. We also had the shared experience of teaching our children to drive a stick shift.

Never in the years that I have known him have I ever heard Jeff talk about starting violence. Never have I heard him talk about wanting to hurt people. In many stressful situations together I have never seen Jeff become hostile or threaten anyone. I believe he would sacrifice his life for his children and I have seen him risk injury for other people's children.

Like the rest of us, Jeff is not perfect (his hair is too long and he sometimes overcooked the burgers). We have all seen videos from January 6th and I cannot imagine the friend I volunteered with participating in that violence. I do not know what he did or didn't do in Washington, but if one of my children was in the dirt under a panicked horse I would want Jeff Sabol there to help.

Please take my thoughts on Jeff into consideration, I believe he is a good man.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

The Westernaire mission is to encourage self-respect, responsibility and leadership through horsemanship and family participation. Westernaires enables young people to train and develop in areas of responsibility, competitiveness and teamwork, with the horse as a focal point

Your Honor,

My name is [REDACTED] is my mother. I grew up here in Waterville NY, and have lived here most of my life. My parents rented a house from Andy and Vikki Sabol when I was real young, and later ended up buying the house from them. I grew up knowing the Sabols well. Andy and Vikki have always been like grandparents to us. I met Jeff when I was about 10 years old, when he came home from Alaska, and he came over to the house to show us pictures of the polar bears that he had seen. Since then I have always known Jeff, he would always say hi to us, and have conversations with us when he would come home to visit. In July of 2012, Jeff and my mother ending up dating. I was extremely happy that my mother had found someone to adventure with. My mom would fly back and fourth between New York and Colorado while they first started dating. I would call my mom constantly to see how she was and to see how the relationship was. And it made me extremely happy that Jeff made her happy. They would go out to eat, and go on hikes, or spontaneous adventures together, and that made my mom the happiest that I have ever seen her. Jeff quickly became part of the family at that point. My mom would fly back in the summer months so she could spend as much time with the rest of her family as she could. And Jeff would always fly home with his kids, and we would do things together as a big family. We would have game nights, and have cookouts, and even go fishing in the pouring rain. I took Jeff and his kids for a ride in a fire truck from our local fire department, and that meant the world to him. Jeff as I know him is a loving and caring man, his family always comes first. He will drop what he is doing to make sure his kids, and my mother have what they need. Jeff is the type of guy to think about other before himself. I have never known Jeff to be an angry person, or to hurt anyone. Jeff is an honest man and always has been, he has a kind sole and I don't believe he is capable of hurting anyone. If Jeff were to marry my mother, it would make my happy to say the least. The love that Jeff shows for my mother and his kids is amazing, he deserves to have everyone know how kind of a person that he is. I am writing this in regards to show my side of Jeff, and how I portray him as a person. Jeff is a part of my family and he always will be. Jeff is not the type of man to put his family in jeopardy.

Thank You
[REDACTED]



February 1, 2021

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Your Honor,

I write this letter in support of my brother-in-law, Jeffrey Sabol. After knowing Jeff for 15 years, I can attest that Jeff is a person of integrity who consistently places the needs of others over his own. He is a caring and dedicated father to three teenagers, and has the support of numerous family, friends, and co-workers. Were Jeff to be released from custody, I am confident that he would be neither a flight risk nor a danger to anyone.

I currently practice law as an attorney-advisor, specializing in government ethics, with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of General Counsel. After graduating from West Point, I served as a U.S. Army military police officer. Before graduating from Georgetown University Law Center, I interned for Judge Richard Leon.

In the time that I've known Jeff, he's been unfailingly considerate, hardworking, and generous with his time. If any friend or family member needs help with a home repair, or a construction project, or car trouble, Jeff is the first person they call. Not only because of his extensive knowledge, but more so because they know that Jeff will drop whatever he is doing in order to help. I cannot explain his presence at the Capitol on January 6, and I disagree strongly with the notion that the 2020 presidential election was "stolen," but Jeff is—without exaggeration—the last person I would expect to harm a police officer. I've viewed video footage of that day that shows Jeff at a time that appears to be prior to when he interacted with police officers. He is watching rioters become increasingly violent towards police, and is among a group of protestors who are clearly urging others *not* to harm police. This is strong evidence that Jeff's intent was to assist—and in no way harm—the law enforcement officers defending the Capitol.

Sincerely,





February 2, 2021

Mr. Jon Norris
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Washington, DC 2001
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Sent via email

RE: Jeffery Sabol Character

Mr. Norris:

I am writing to attest to the character of Mr. Jeffery Sabol, who I have known since 1994.

Jeff was one of the first and best friends I made when I moved to Denver. He and I immediately bonded and participated in multiple outdoor adventures including rock climbing, camping, river trips and ski adventures. We were very close friends for the 11 years that I lived on the Front Range.

Jeff is reliable and is always willing to assist others. He has helped me with numerous needs including moves and home renovation projects. He extends the same courtesy to others. It was not uncommon for him to turn down an invite for an adventure weekend because he was committed to helping others with weekend projects.

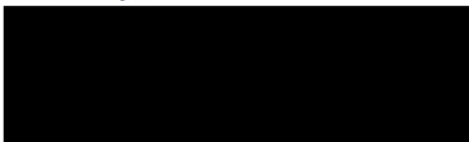
Around 2005, we both got married and I have moved several times but we have stayed in touch. I see Jeff at least twice a year and he continues to exhibit the same selflessness. He is committed to his career, his kids and his relationships.

I am shocked and sadden to hear the most recent news, as Jeff never discussed politics. Nor did he say or do anything that would indicate disillusionment with the world.

I truly wish the best for Jeff as he has done many good deeds for others.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any question or concerns.

Sincerely,





Jon W. Norris, Esq.
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Dear Jon W. Norris, Esq.:

I am writing to you to provide a character reference for your client, Jeffery P Sabol. I first met Jeff in 1996 when I was considering moving to Colorado. I met Jeff through a mutual friend on a ski trip to Steamboat Springs. I moved to Colorado in 1997 and became friends with Jeff. As young adults, we shared several mutual friends and enjoyed weekend outdoor adventures together.

Jeff got married and settled down to start a family and commit to a professional career in geophysics. I have known Jeff to be a dependable and hard-working scientist, as well as a dedicated and engaged father to his three children.

For the many years that I regularly spent time with Jeff, I have known him to be a pleasant and sincere friend, always willing to lend a hand to help others. Although in the past several years, I have not spent as much time with Jeff as I did earlier in my life due to career and family obligations, I was shocked and saddened to hear of the recent events. The alleged events do not reflect the demeanor of the friend that I have known for so many years.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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Good morning Mr. Norris;

My name is [REDACTED] and I am proud and honored to offer my recommendation of Jeff Sabol to whom I have known personally for 24 years as my friend.

During my relationship with Jeff Sabol I have experienced a good buddy who shows up earlier than asked, works harder than anyone I have ever met, and carries himself in a polite respectable manner. In addition Jeff Sabol is a family man that put the importance of his kids much higher than himself and has always presented himself with levelheadedness and grace.

I have great confidence in recommending Jeff Sabol as someone who I truly believe possesses the character and judgement for the betterment of our community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should require any further information about Jeff.

Thank you for your time.

[REDACTED]

Mr. Norris,

My name is [REDACTED] I am a retired school teacher, age 76. I have know Jeff Sabol for almost 2 years. Every Saturday we both volunteered together at a horse ranch where we shoveled and raked and cleaned out horse pens. To break up the drudgery, we talked as we worked. The topics we covered were varied. I really got an insight into his life over that time, as he did into mine. The age difference didn't matter. We shared our thoughts and experiences. We discussed parenting, religion, politics, relationships, work, hobbies and life experiences. Never once did I detect any indication of him being a fanatic of any sort. Just the opposite. He was able to acknowledge my point of view and listen to my thoughts on a subject even if they differed from his. When you shovel manure together it tends to make for honest conversation.

I remember many incidents at the ranch when someone would need a helping hand and Jeff would go out of

his way to provide it. He cared about others and their needs. There was an easy going peacefulness and honesty about him that I really liked.

The event I heard about on January 6 is totally inconsistent with the character that I have observed in Jeff over the time we were together. I can't conceive of him being a danger to the community in any way. I hope this letter is helpful in describing this man I came to know.

Respectfully, [REDACTED]

To Whom it may concern,

It is with a heavy heart that I am sitting down to write this letter in reference to my friend Jeff Sabol. I have known Jeff for over twenty years, within this time he and I have shared many experiences together. Marriages, births of children and even the difficult times when we have lost people who were loved by the both of us. Throughout these good times and bad Jeff has been a source of support and strength and a true friend who would often put his well being ahead of others. It shook me to the core when I saw the events of January 6th and read of the events that followed for Jeff. It is all too common in the climate of today's reality to feel like you have a front row seat to the activities you are watching on television, on your phone or computer screen when in reality you are only becoming further detached. This was brought into focus for me after I was forced to read about somebody "I knew" being accused of actions which I can not begin to comprehend. The man I am proud to call my friend and brother has put himself in a position where he will be held accountable for his actions on that particular day, however it will not prevent me from continuing to love and support him so he can continue to be there for his family, children and those of us who are his friends.

Regards,

and son

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2/3/2021

Your Honor,

My name is [REDACTED] I have known Jeff Sabol for over 25 years. We met through rugby and have been friends since the first day we met.

In all the time that I have known Jeff, he has been a great friend, a good father, a hard worker and a guy that people went to when they had troubles or life difficulties. In my opinion, Jeff cares about people and would do anything he could to help his friends.

I was dumbfounded when I heard about Jeff at the Capitol riots. I couldn't believe what I was hearing. I have never known Jeff to be violent. I cannot believe that he would ever hurt a police officer. That is completely inconsistent with the Jeff Sabol that I have been friends with for two decades.

I have asked Jeff for help many times in our relationship, and he never fails to be there. He's the type of guy you want to have in your life.

I believe that Jeff is a very good man.

I hope that you take this letter into consideration.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

February 17, 2021

C/O: The Law Offices of Jon Norris
The Webster Building
503 D Street, NW Suite 250
Washington, DC 20001

Your Honor:

The purpose of this letter is to serve as a character reference for Jeff Sabol and to request that you consider the total person as you deliberate his case. Jeff is a consummate professional, a loving father, and a faithful follower of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I have known Jeff personally and professionally since we first worked together in Adak, Alaska in 2001. I am an Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal Officer and have worked various civilian Unexploded Ordnance remediation contracts with Jeff throughout the years. In his duties as a Quality Control Manager and Lead Geophysicist we worked closely on many projects with the goal of reducing and/or eliminating the hazards associated with munition and explosives of concern on formerly used defense sites. Earlier in my career Jeff selected and trained me to fill roles of ever increasing responsibility to include Geographic Information Systems manager. Jeff's dedication to his work, commitment to the company, and unwavering efforts toward providing the best possible product for the client (a safer and cleaner environment) is unparalleled.

Personally our paths have crossed a few times over the years, his family always welcomed me during my travels. You can tell a lot about a family by how they treat their guests. Breaking bread and fellowshiping with his family was always a joy. Jeff is the loving father of Wyatt, Sophie, and Sasha. His daughter Sophie is currently an Army ROTC Cadet in Colorado. I was excited to learn that the girl I met as a young child is now taking steps to pursue a career as an Army Officer. As a father of five I know that often, parenting is a thankless job, and you never know if you're doing it right. Children come with no instruction manual. Yet, it is the character and success of our children as they grow which are a mirror of the values instilled by the parents. It is of great testament to Jeff that Sophie has taken up such a noble challenge and will one day take the oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States.

I do not know the specific details of the charges brought against him. I do however, know Jeff. He is a highly intelligent, faithful, thoughtful, gentle and considerate man. I pray that a spirit of forgiveness guides your heart as I know it does his. If I can be of any further assistance do not hesitate to call me at [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Your Honor,

2-11-21

My name is [REDACTED] I am writing as a friend of Jeffrey Sabol. Jeff and I worked alongside each other as volunteers at an organization here in Colorado, the Westernaires. The Westernaires is a youth organization, kids 9-19 are members. Westernaires is a non-profit whose mission is the following: "We encourage self-respect, responsibility and leadership through horsemanship and family participation". At Westernaires, the body of the organization are the volunteers (the adults), whether it be as an administrative volunteer, or as the backbone, those that lead the kids who are part of the organization or take care of the equipment or horses. Jeff and I developed our friendship working with the horses. I was one of the volunteers that trained Jeff to use the equipment, and how the organization feeds the horses, ponies and Belgians. There are upwards of 200 Equines at the facility, and Jeff volunteered to feed the horses Saturday evenings and quite often on a Sunday. Jeff dedicated his Saturdays to the organization, and we have volunteered with each other for more than 5 years, cheering on both our families as we made our journey's through the organization.

Jeff and I have talked about his employment at Kemron, and the aspects of his job. Although his employment required him to perform duties that would be dangerous, he was always a peaceful, mellow guy to be around. I have never seen him raise his voice, much less talk about any violent thoughts. He was a dedicated dad, friend, employee, and volunteer. He was unselfish, never asked for anything, gave of himself whenever possible. Jeff was the guy who would put himself before a horse, before that horse could hit anyone else, if the need arose.

The events on January 6 were horrifying, and I was horrified as we watched it according to the media. I read that a Jeffrey Sabol from Colorado was arrested in relation to the events. I have read as much as I could, as I could not fathom it could be the Jeffrey Sabol I know. Facts about his life did fit the man I know, but I cannot see the Jeffrey Sabol I know, putting someone in danger, I see him getting in front of the "horse", and saving someone. He is the man who put countless hours volunteering with an organization that stresses self-respect, responsibility, and leadership. He was that man, the one who supported this belief and walked that road.

It is my hope that you see the man I see, the man who would have been horrified at the happenings on that day, and devastated that what happened could not be controlled, even if you try to get in front of the "horse".

Thank you for your consideration.

[REDACTED]

Your honor:

My name is [REDACTED] I am michelle waufler's sister and a good friend of Jeff's. I am writing this letter in regards to Jeff Sabol. I have always thought of Jeff as my friend not because he is with my sister but because of what I know and have witnessed about him. Jeff is courteous and polite to everyone. He goes out of his way to make you feel comfortable. I have seen him give up his seat to people and open doors for others. Jeff is a good son, a great father and a wonderful spouse to my sister. Jeff is always trying to help people out. If you have a problem and he knows about it. He is there to help without ever asking for a return. Jeff has always been there for my sister and her family and we all trust and have faith in him and love him.

Your honor the events that happened on January 6th are so completely inconsistent with the Jeff Sabol I know, trust, and love.

Your honor I hope you take my thoughts and letter into consideration for Jeff Sabol.

Thank you
[REDACTED]

Your Honor,

I am writing this letter on Mr. Sabol's behalf. We all live in a small town/community in Kittredge, Colorado. I have known Jeff for several years and have never witnessed any odd or unlawful behavior from Jeff. In fact he is the type of neighbor that looks out for people and their well being in my opinion! I have personally witnessed Jeff painting over some crude and racial graffiti that was spray painted on a cement wall down by the creek in our town. Not that he was being paid to do so, but took it upon himself....in his free time with materials he provided out of his own pocket to make our community a better place for all. I thought that was awesome! I can say that Jeff is the type of neighbor I want and I'm proud to say he is my neighbor! Kind regards your honor.

Sincerely,

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February 7, 2021

To the Honorable Judge,

My name is [REDACTED] I am a Sergeant and a decorated 23-year veteran with the Denver Police Department. I have known Jeff Sabol for over 12 years. I was surprised to hear that Jeff was involved in the events that occurred in Washington DC as he has always been an upstanding citizen. The portrayal of Jeff by the media is inconsistent with the good moral character of the Jeff I know. Of all people, I understand the seriousness of this incident, especially as it relates to my Brother's in Blue; however, I hope the court will show some leniency on Jeff Sabol.

In the time that I have known Jeff, he has been a person with a good disposition in our small mountain community in Jefferson County, Colorado. Our children have gone to the same schools and participated in extracurricular events together, such as Westernaires, a horse-riding organization that provides a constructive alternative for young children. Jeff was an active participant in Westernaires. He has been a caring and involved father to his three children. Being a police officer, I am protective of my children and who they are around, and we have exchanged overnights with our children at each of our houses.

Because of the nature of our profession (law enforcement), our circle of friends are private and small. Jeff and his longtime girlfriend, Michelle, are a part of that circle. In the times we have known Jeff, I've not heard any ill words regarding politics or people of color ever come up. In addition, my being a police officer has never been an issue with Jeff. He has always shown support and empathy for the challenges that face law enforcement officers.

I am surprised of any misconduct, but it comes as no surprise that Jeff is ready to accept responsibility for his actions. It is my sincere hope the court takes this letter into consideration. Despite this current case, I still believe Jeff Sabol to be an honorable person, a valuable member of the Jefferson County community, and a good human being.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Your Honor,

My name is [REDACTED] I met Jeff Sabol through his relationship with my aunt, and I have considered him family and a friend for nearly 9 years.

The first time I met Jeff, I had flown out to Colorado to visit my aunt. Jeff immediately opened his home up to me and my son, who was a year old at the time. He was a more than gracious host, making sure that my son and I had everything that we needed to make our trip comfortable. He took time out of busy work schedule to show us around and make us feel more than welcome. He presented himself to me, right from the start, as a caring, compassionate, selfless, jovial man, and has never acted in any way to sway my opinion of him. Since then, he has spent countless summers and holidays in New York with my family, always going above and beyond if any of us needed anything, without a second thought to what he would be sacrificing to achieve it.

I do not believe that Jeff is a danger to the community, or to anyone for that matter. What happened, or what is perceived to have happened, on January 6th is completely inconsistent with the Jeff Sabol that I know and have known for the better part of a decade. The Jeff Sabol that I know is a calm, coolheaded voice of reason. He is not now and has never been a violent person.

My happiest memories with Jeff are the ones of him and my son. Most notably one Fourth of July party held at my house. We started a game of kickball, something we used to do as a family but had not done in years (since we all had grown) but was encouraged by Jeff. My son was three or four at the time and the youngest of the bunch. Instead of not letting him play with "the big kids", Jeff took the time to teach him how to kick, and even picked him up and ran with him, carrying him to the bases, so he had a fair shot. He let my son wear his hat and they laughed together. My son is a very shy child but he has always taken to Jeff like an uncle. That speaks volumes of his character to me. It was honestly a beautiful memory and one I will never forget. That memory sums Jeff Sabol up perfectly for me.

When my grandmother passed away, and my family was broken, Jeff was there, once again with open arms, to make sure that we were all ok, being caring and selfless as always. I have always admired the way he has supported my aunt and carried her through her tough times.

I am very particular about who I leave my children with. They have never been to daycare and have only been watched over by family while my husband and I work. That said, I would never hesitate to leave my children in Jeff's care, knowing that they would be nurtured and cared for much the same way I would nurture and care for them myself.

Jeff is a great man, loved and supported by many, because he has always only loved and supported us.

I hope you take these memories, thoughts and feelings into consideration.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

February 3, 2021

Mr. Jon Norris
503 D Street NW
Suite 250
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Jeffrey Sabol

Dear Mr. Norris,

This letter is to describe the man I know to be Jeffrey Sabol. Jeffrey is an old friend of my boyfriend, [REDACTED] who is also submitting a letter on Jeff's behalf. Jeffrey is known among his friends to have deep concern and care for his friends. I have witnessed his verbalization of this, his actions to support his friends and his sense of duty, work ethic, community and country. I have also observed his respect for others and desire to make contributions to his friends, family and community.

The friends of Jeffrey who I know feel a deep sense of care for Jeffrey. They care deeply because they have felt cared for by Jeffrey. I did not know that Jeffrey planned to go to Washington DC January 6th. I did not know of his charges or his confinement until the news stories began reporting on him. As the political discourse crested between January 6th and the Inauguration on January 20th, the news of Jeffrey, activities at the Capitol and our local community who knows Jeffrey began to unfold, the shock began to settle in.

Jeffrey is a hard working, earning professional who had (has) so much to lose – it simply makes no sense that he would intentionally participate in the undercurrent initiative at the Capitol. I can see him going to Washington to support and participate in peaceful protest, marching for what he believes, instinctively being drawn to settle things down. I can see him feeling distraught in the context of all of the energy and turning conditions related to the protest. I can see how he found himself in the middle of it trying to settle people down and work to bring some order to the chaos.

I am hopeful that a careful review of his case is done and that the facts can come to light.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Your honor,

My name is [REDACTED] I met Jeff Sabol while volunteering at a youth organization that teaches kids to ride horses. Actually their mission statement is to encourage self-respect, responsibility and leadership through horsemanship and family participation. I think that Jeff was a great example of our mission statement.

I've known Jeff for about 5 years. Jeff was a consistent, steady presence for years while his kids were involved in the organization. We both volunteered as wranglers, who help to take care of the rental horses. Jeff immediately saw a need to muck and clean our sick bay area where our injured horses are kept, which was always filthy and often neglected over the weekends. Not a glamorous job by any means, but I think that Jeff liked to help but also liked to stay out of the spotlight. He was very humble. Every Saturday morning for years, Jeff would begin mucking... some days with help and some days by himself. When he was finished mid afternoon, sick bay would be spotless. Horses would be fed and watered. No one ever asked Jeff to do this... he just saw a need and filled it.

Jeff also volunteered to feed our herd of ~200 animals on most Saturday afternoons and some Sundays as well. This was a time consuming process but he enjoyed it. Jeff involved his kids when he could, teaching them to drive a tractor and give their time and efforts for something bigger than themselves. He was always patient with his kids.

Jeff has always been someone that I could go to with any request. When kids at the organization were in trouble for not doing their work, Jeff would take them under his wing and supervise a group to clean sick bay or do other chores as a reprimand. Jeff was a great role model for these kids. He demonstrated hard work, leadership, and selflessness. Jeff was like a coach, or a caring big brother, who would do anything for you and never thought of himself. He was very protective of the kids and our team. Although we weren't close friends, I can bet that if I needed help outside of volunteering I could call on him and he would drop everything and come running.

Jeff was always respectful and kind. Several times we had emergencies where we needed to take a horse to the vet, and Jeff would drop what he was doing and drive the trailer to the vet. He was always a strong, comforting, caring presence and I was grateful to have him with me during those times. He comforted me when we lost horses. He supported me and listened when I need someone to lean on. Jeff got along with everyone and wanted to take care of everyone. He stayed away from drama. When disagreements came up between others, Jeff would not get involved or take sides.

When I heard what happened at the capitol, I was shocked that Jeff was involved. It seems very out of character for Jeff to be involved in anything violent or extreme. He had always avoided conflict during our volunteer work. I have never seen him lose his temper or do anything remotely violent... He was a very easy going guy. I have not seen Jeff in about a year, but what I've heard on the news does not match the Jeff that I know in any way. I hope that this description of his character can aid in understanding the wonderful man that I have known.

Thank you for your time,

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February 3, 2021

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RE: Jeff Sabol

Hello Mr. Norris. I'm writing to you as a refence for Jeff Sabol. Jeff has been a friend of mine since 1997. He has always been the guy who was a voice of reason, willing to help a lending hand, and generally one of the nicest guys. In all my years of being around him, I've never seen him act in an aggressive manor, if anything I've seen him talk more people out of doing something stupid than being an instigator or even getting involved. Actually, I've never seen him get involved unless it was to break something up or to stand one of his friends down, and on more than one occasion I was that friend.

I truly believe that if he said he was trying to help, that is what he was trying to do. Fit of rage at what was going on or not Jeff is a great guy and wouldn't stand there and allow another person to get beat while he was down. That goes against everything that Jeff is. He's the guy that would throw himself into a situation even if it meant he'd potentially get hurt to get people to stop.

SINCERELY,

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