

Honorable Judge Amy Berman Jackson,

I write to express deep remorse for my actions on January 6th, 2021. I understand that my behavior on that day was unacceptable and went against the principles of our democracy.

I take full responsibility for my actions and the harms that they caused. I realize that what I did was not only illegal, but also hurtful to others and damaging to our country. I am committed to making amends and to do everything in my power to ensure that this never happens again.

I came to Washington to be present for what I believed would be Donald Trump's final speech as President. I believed it would be my last opportunity to see and hear him speak in person. That was my motivation. On the morning of January 6th my sons and I arrived outside the ellipse and waited in line for hours to be admitted to the rally. Once we got to the security screening area, Dylan could not enter, because he was wearing a flack vest. He could have taken off his vest and placed it in a pile with items left by other rally goers, but there was no guarantee it would be there when the rally was over. We decided to step out of the line. We went into the field beside the Washington Monument to watch the rally.

While in the crowd by the Washington Monument, one thing I noticed, was certain people were starting to leave the rally and head towards the Capitol. I remember mentioning this to my sons, "Why are people leaving before the President is done speaking"? People had spent hours waiting for him to speak, so why stay until the end of the rally? This made no sense to me. At the end of the Presidents' speech, the

President said he was going to walk to the steps of the Capitol. So, we joined the crowd walking toward the Capitol. We arrived at the part of the Capitol where there was scaffolding. There were thousands of people gathered. Looking back, I believe I know why some individuals began to move toward the Capitol earlier.

Judge Berman Jackson, I take full responsibility for my actions at the Capitol. I should not have been there at all. Moreover, as a parent, when I started to see windows being broken, I should have grabbed my sons and left the area immediately. The lamentable decision of staying there, and of entering the Capitol, and of failing to appreciate the enormity of what was happening, is one of the worst mistakes I have made in my life.

The remorse I feel for being a "January 6th" rioter is profound. My family and I endure shame and indignity because of my presence at the Capitol that day. This regrettable decision will have consequences for the rest of my life to me, my sons and to the rest of my family. We have been dropped from doing business with certain companies. My sons were fired from their jobs after they were arrested. Dylan was able to get another job, but he may be let go once he is sentenced. Social media posts have called for our hangings or for sentences of life imprisonment. Every day I worry for the personal safety of my wife and our children. I fear my egregious actions on January 6th, 2021, will continue to have ripple effects in the daily lives of my family for years to come.

I want to apologize to the American people, to our democracy, and to the law enforcement officers who were put in harm's way as a result of my presence. I am committed to making positive changes in

my life. And to do everything in my power to become a better person, smarter parent and more responsible member of society.

I understand that I must face the consequences of my actions and I am prepared to do so. I am willing to accept any punishment that you deem appropriate. I am deeply sorry for my behavior and the harm that it caused.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Cronin