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Hon. Gretchen Whitmer
Governor, State of Michigan
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Dear Governor Whitmer:

With the coming transfer of power, we have borne witness to events not seen in recent history. Last week's horrific scene on Capitol Hill was an attack on our democracy and shows that we need to be adequately prepared for acts of violence as President-elect Joe Biden is sworn in as our 46th President of the United States.

We continue to track the "Storm the Capitol" protests in all state capitals scheduled for the coming days. In light of the violence at our nation's Capitol, I respectfully request that you activate the Michigan National Guard, specifically on January 17th and 20th, to provide additional security and crowd control measures and to ensure that our historic Capitol building as well as the businesses and offices that surround it are safe.

While we certainly want to make sure that visitors are able to exercise their First Amendment rights, we must also prevent any violence and guarantee the personal safety and property of those that work and live in downtown Lansing. Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your leadership.

Respectfully,

Andy Schor
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