

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Appropriations**  
**Washington, DC 20515-6015**

January 14, 2021

The Honorable Ryan McCarthy  
Secretary of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington DC 22202

Dear Secretary McCarthy,

After the horrific events of January 6<sup>th</sup>, the Congress is grateful to have National Guard troops assisting in the protection of the Capitol. We were disappointed though to see in a variety of images in the media, that Guard personnel are having to take breaks or rest on the floors of the Capitol. Staff were on the call with Vice Chief of Staff, General Martin, and understand that not all Guard personnel currently have secured lodging, and that the Army is considering utilizing the convention center for lodging.

With the uncertainty for needed rest and recoup time in flux, and to ensure that the Guard members are fully able to execute their protection mission, we urge you to make available cots or other equipment to more easily facilitate their ability to rest while they are on Capitol grounds.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,



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Rosa DeLauro



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