

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Pat Cipollone
White House Counsel
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Cipollone,

I am writing to follow up on my three previous letters regarding President Trump's recent pardons of his personal associates, reports that he is interested in preemptively pardoning his family members, and an increasing number of reports that he's exploring pardoning himself and others, including for conduct in connection with the horrible events of this past week involving the U.S. Capitol.¹

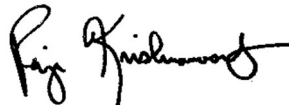
As you know, on Wednesday, January 6th, supporters of the President stormed and ultimately breached the Capitol Building, laying siege to it for many hours, trying to prevent the certification process of the Electoral College in the presidential election. President Trump is largely responsible for encouraging the original march to the Capitol that led to this siege.² He then reportedly denied requests to mobilize the National Guard in response to the violent rioters breaching the Capitol Building.³

President Trump seems to view a self-pardon as a channel by which to free himself from potential criminal liability for his recent actions, others he took during his term in office, and potentially even his previous activities as a private citizen. A self-pardon, as well as pardons of rioters who were part of this past week's insurrection, would be offensive to the integrity and value of our elections, constitution, and democracy.

In light of these concerns, I request the following information:

1. Is the White House reviewing the possibility of the President pardoning himself? If so, for what potential charges?
2. Is the White House considering pardons for the rioters at the Capitol Building on Wednesday, January 6th?

Sincerely,



Raja Krishnamoorthi
Member of Congress

¹ [Trump Is Said to Have Discussed Pardoning Himself](#). *New York Times*. January 7, 2021.

² [Trump Told Crowd 'You Will Never Take Back Our Country With Weakness'](#). *New York Times*. January 6, 2021.

³ Ibid.