



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-6538**

February 22, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
H-232, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

We are in agreement that the best path forward for bipartisan legislation is to create an impartial and bipartisan Commission.

In keeping with the suggestions from the Co-Chairs of the 9/11 Commission, the legislation the House puts forward should mirror the precedents that fairly and successfully governed that Commission. Simply put, House Republicans are asking for no more and no less than what Congress came together and agreed upon in the past. Specifically, those precedents include:

- An equal 5-5 ratio in appointments by Democrats and Republicans
- Co-Equal Subpoena Power for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission
- No inclusion of findings or other predetermined conclusions which ultimately should be rendered by the Commission itself

As the Co-Chairs of the Commission stated, a "bipartisan independent investigation will earn credibility with the American public." I am confident that following their procedures and precedents can do just that, in a way that an overtly partisan commission will not be able to.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely,

  
KEVIN McCARTHY  
House Republican Leader