

Senate Resolution No. 1706

By Senators Schmidt, Francisco, Haley, Holscher, Pettey, Sykes and Ware

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1 A RESOLUTION condemning the pardons and commutations of
2 sentences for those individuals involved in the violent attack on law
3 enforcement officers at the United States capitol building on January
4 6, 2021.

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6 WHEREAS, On January 20, 2025, President Trump issued blanket
7 pardons to and commuted the sentences of more than 1,500 people who
8 faced prosecution for their involvement in the violent attack on law
9 enforcement officers at the United States capitol building on January 6,
10 2021; and

11 WHEREAS, The people who were pardoned or granted commuted
12 sentences faced criminal prosecution or were already serving sentences
13 for being convicted of crimes including assault and battery of law
14 enforcement officers and crimes involving the use of deadly weapons
15 against law enforcement officers; and

16 WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers in Kansas put their lives at risk
17 every day in order to protect Kansans across the state and a specialized
18 group of members of the Kansas Highway Patrol protect the people in our
19 Kansas state capitol building; and

20 WHEREAS, The state of Kansas prides itself on protecting our law
21 enforcement officers who risk their lives daily to protect Kansans by
22 criminalizing violence against law enforcement officers and having
23 enhanced sentencing provisions for those who commit violence against a
24 law enforcement officer; and

25 WHEREAS, It is important that we send a message to law
26 enforcement officers across Kansas that we condemn the issuance of
27 pardons for those who commit violence against law enforcement officers
28 and believe that such individuals should be held accountable for their
29 actions: Now, therefore,

30 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we condemn
31 the pardons and commutations of sentences for those involved in violence
32 against law enforcement officers during the violent attack on the United
33 States capitol building on January 6, 2021; and

34 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send
35 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Schmidt, the Kansas
36 Fraternal Order of Police, the Kansas Sheriffs' Association and the United

- 1 States Congressional delegation from Kansas.