

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Maj. Gen. Tom Carden
Georgia Department of Defense
Georgia National Guard
1000 Halsey Ave SE
Marietta, GA 30060

Dear General Carden,

We are writing to thank you and the Georgia National Guard for the professionalism and dedication to duty your troops displayed while protecting the U.S. Capitol prior to, during, and after the recent inauguration of President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. Your soldiers were called upon at a moment's notice and responded to a challenging situation with the effectiveness, tenacity, and readiness that has come to define what it means to be a Citizen Soldier.

The American people consider the military to be one of the most trustworthy institutions in our society. This is largely due to the professionalism and apolitical nature that the U.S. Armed Forces have cultivated throughout our nation's history. The conduct your troops displayed while securing the inauguration added to that legacy. Additionally, they also served as excellent ambassadors for the State of Georgia while here in the national capital region.

As Members of Congress, we are immensely grateful for the sacrifices made by the Georgia National Guard these past two weeks. As fellow Georgians, we could not be more proud of their skill, bravery, and integrity. Accordingly, we extend our sincere thanks to each member of the Georgia National Guard for their commendable service.

Sincerely,


Andrew S. Clyde
Member of Congress

Reverend Raphael Warnock
U.S. Senator

Jon Ossoff
U.S. Senator

Earl L. "Buddy" Carter
Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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