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DC Police Union Statement on Presidential Pardons

Washington, D.C. — The DC Police Union wishes to express its dismay over the recent pardons granted to individuals convicted of assaulting police officers during the January 6, 2021, riots at the US Capitol Building. As an organization that represents the interests of the 3,000 brave men and women who put their lives on the line every day to protect our communities, our stance is clear – anyone who assaults a law enforcement officer should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, without exception.

As we grapple with this disappointment, the DC Police Union remains committed to advocating for justice, not only for those who have suffered attacks in the line of duty but also for those within our ranks who have been wronged by the system. To that end, we are actively working with the White House and President Trump to address two glaring miscarriages of justice involving DC police officers, Officer Terrance Sutton and Lieutenant Andrew Zabavsky, who were wrongly convicted of murder. These officers—men of integrity and dedication—were targeted by corrupt prosecutors who weaponized the legal system against them.

The DC Police Union believes that the pardon process can and should be used to correct such egregious errors. Chairman Gregg Pemberton stated, “We are confident that a thorough review of these cases will reveal the truth and restore justice for these officers, their families, and the communities they served with honor.” The DC Police Union is hopeful that the same measure of justice that was extended to the recent January 6 pardons will also be applied to right these wrongs.

We remain steadfast in our mission to protect the rights and interests of all police officers and to ensure that justice is applied fairly and consistently. The DC Police Union will continue to fight for accountability, fairness, and the safety of our officers and the citizens we serve.

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