



Republican Insurrectionists:

*State Lawmakers Across the Country Were In Washington, D.C.
On January 6, 2021.*

The Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee was the first and only entity committed to identifying, tracking, and condemning the hundreds of Republican state lawmakers who aided and abetted Trump's attempt to overturn the 2020 presidential election. Starting on January 6, 2021, the DLCC began identifying and tracking Republican state legislators and state legislative candidates who were in Washington, D.C. on that day. Many even joined the mob that surrounded the Capitol, attempting to interfere with the democratic process. Since January 2021, the DLCC has identified **59** state legislators or eventual state legislative candidates who were in Washington, D.C. on January 6th - and we will not let them forget it.

Of the **59** individuals identified by the DLCC who were in Washington, DC on January 6th, 2021 and who participated to varying degrees in the protests or riots that day...

- **18** were incumbent state legislators on January 6th
- **15** are currently serving in state capitols around the country
- **6** sought higher office in 2022 with **3** advancing to the 2022 general election.
- **15 of these individuals were defeated in the 2022 midterm elections**
- **4** individuals have faced criminal charges related to January 6th
 - Derrick Evans, Jeremy Brown, Mark Middleton, Matthew Brackley

15 state legislators identified by the DLCC who were in Washington on January 6th are currently serving in state capitols around the country.

They are listed below:

Alaska Rep. David Eastman (HD-27) was in Washington, DC, on January 6th, calling it an "[immense privilege](#)." Eastman has been censured due to [racist remarks](#) about indigenous Alaskans, and lost his committee assignments in early 2020. After the insurrection, he [falsely claimed](#) that Antifa was responsible for the violence and minimized President Trump's role in the insurrection. Eastman also signed on to

[legal efforts](#) to block Michigan and other states from certifying their election results in an attempt to overturn the 2020 election.

Arizona Sen. Anthony Kern (LD-27) was at the insurrection on January 6th, and [moved beyond the police barricades](#) at the Capitol. As of [October 2023](#), Kern was facing a campaign finance complaint alleging that he illegally used cash from a failed re-election bid to attend the insurrection. Kern recently [announced](#) a run for Congress.

Arizona Sen. Janae Shamp (LD-29) attended the insurrection and could be seen in the large crowd gathered along the Lower West Terrace of the Capitol, [near some violent clashes](#) that turned deadly. Shamp continued to spread conspiracy theories on Gab following the insurrection.

Illinois Rep. Chris Miller (HD-101) was in Washington, D.C., on [January 6th](#). Miller, the husband of Congresswoman Mary Miller, [posted a video](#) shortly before the riot in which he railed against “dangerous Democrat terrorists,” and said “we’re in a great cultural war to see which worldview will survive.”

Iowa Rep. Luana Stoltenberg (HD-81) was in Washington, D.C., on [January 6th](#), posting on Facebook that she was “on assignment” and posted photos outside the Capitol and Supreme Court. Stoltenberg claimed the media was “NOT reporting the truth” and claimed, “There are NO riots here.” In a June 2022 interview, Stoltenberg would not say if she believed the 2020 election was fraudulent and hung up mid-call.

Michigan Rep. Matt Maddock (HD-51) was in Washington, D.C. on [January 6th](#), and spoke with his wife, Meshawn Maddock, at a [rally the night before](#). He also signed a Jan. 5th [open letter](#) calling on Mike Pence to delay certifying the election. Both Maddocks were involved in the [false elector plot](#) in Michigan; Meshawn Maddock as one of the false electors and Matt Maddock, who joined members of the group attempting to access the state capitol. After Meshawn Maddock was [charged](#) with felonies for being part of the false elector plot, Rep. Maddock was caught on tape predicting somebody would “shoot someone” or a “civil war or some sort of revolution” would happen if “the government continues to weaponize these departments against conservatives” while at a [pool party](#) in support of Michigan fake electors.

Michigan Rep. Angela Rigas (HD-79) was [outside the Capitol and teargassed](#) on January 6th, and called it a “[highlight of my life](#).” According to a video reposted by a Twitter user, Rigas [brought a weapon](#) - a collapsible baton - with her to D.C. She has also said she is proud to be called an insurrectionist and terrorist. Rigas also [told](#)

[reporters](#) “I absolutely do not believe me or any other individual” should apologize for assembling on January 6th.

New Mexico Rep. John Block (HD-51) was in Washington, D.C. on [January 6th](#), and claimed that everyone he spoke to was “peaceful and just fired up to take our country back.” Block has been photographed with [Proud Boys founder Gavin McGinnis](#), and as of [September 2022](#) still believed Donald Trump’s baseless claims that he won the 2020 election. Block has recently made news for drafting a bill to bring back the [death penalty](#) in New Mexico. In his free time, Block has been a [protestor](#) outside Planned Parenthood, harassing people seeking reproductive care.

North Carolina Rep. Donnie Loftis (HD-109) was in Washington, D.C., on [January 6th](#), and said he was close enough to the Capitol to get hit multiple times with tear gas. He said he was at the entrance when the door was breached. Months after the election was over, Loftis joined calls for a [50-state audit](#) of the 2020 presidential election and possible decertification of the results.

North Dakota Rep. Donna Henderson (HD-9B) was in Washington, D.C., on January 6th, with her husband, Paul Henderson, according to [local reporting](#). They both refused to share more information on how close they were to the Capitol and the violent events of that day.

Pennsylvania Sen. Doug Mastriano (SD-33) [organized busloads](#) of people to attend the demonstrations in Washington and was there himself, although he claims to have left once he saw people becoming violent. Mastriano was one of the [loudest voices](#) questioning the conduct of the election in Pennsylvania, and organized a bizarre “hearing” with Rudy Giuliani in the weeks after the 2020 election. Mastriano signed [a letter](#) calling on Congress to reject Pennsylvania’s electoral votes and signed an [open letter](#) calling on Mike Pence to delay certifying the election. He also [sponsored a resolution](#) disputing the 2020 election results and giving the Pennsylvania General Assembly the power to designate alternate electors. Mastriano gained even more notoriety for his failed [2022 campaign](#) for governor.

Texas Sen. Angela Paxton (SD-08) traveled with her husband, far-right Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, to DC and [joined him on stage](#) while he gave a speech at the Stop the Steal rally. Ken Paxton [spearheaded](#) the bogus Supreme Court case that sought to overturn the results of the presidential election.

Virginia Sen.-elect John McGuire (SD-10) traveled to D.C. and attended the Jan. 6 rally while serving in the House of Delegates. His participation was not known until he volunteered the information in a July 2021 interview with [The Washington Post](#).

McGuire is [running for Congress](#) in 2024 after running unopposed for the Virginia Senate.

West Virginia Sen. Mike Azinger (SD-3) [attended](#) the demonstrations in Washington on January 6th and posted pictures from outside the Capitol. He characterized participants as “peaceful American loving, constitution loving, God-loving Americans.” He later said that he hoped Trump “calls us back” and deleted Facebook posts suggesting he entered the Capitol building, despite remaining outside.

Wyoming Sen. Bob Ide (SD-29) [marched](#) with the crowd to the Capitol on January 6th with Wyoming GOP Chairman Frank Eathorne.

The DLCC defeated three insurrectionists in 2023:

Erin Connolly Autenreith, a candidate in a special election for Pennsylvania’s HD-21, was in Washington, D.C., on [January 6th](#) and questioned the results of the 2020 election.

Philip Hamilton, a candidate for Virginia’s SD-11, was in Washington, D.C. on January 6th and [climbed the steps](#) of the Capitol and moved beyond the barricades, according to reporting.

Jim Wright, a candidate for Virginia’s HD-88, [posted](#) on Facebook that he was in D.C. on January 6th and was “very close to the Capitol.” After the election, Wright [tweeted](#) that Trump was “such a winner” in the 2020 election and claimed there was “clear fraud.”

Other notable insurrectionists who are no longer in office:

Derrick Evans, a former West Virginia Delegate, [filmed himself trespassing](#) in the Capitol and shared it on social media, only to claim that he participated in the riot as an “independent journalist.” After being arrested for illegally entering the Capitol, Evans resigned from the House of Delegates and was sentenced to three months in prison by a federal court for his role in the insurrection. Evans is [running for Congress](#) in 2024.

Mark Finchem, a former Arizona state Senator, was in Washington DC on January 6th, [marched to the Capitol steps](#), and shared photos of rioters, saying that the violence was “what happens when the People feel they have been ignored, and

Congress refuses to acknowledge rampant fraud.” Finchem has been [affiliated](#) with right-wing extremist groups, including the Oath Keepers and the Coalition of Western States. Finchem lost his 2022 race for secretary of state, lost a lawsuit to [overturn the election results](#), and is [running](#) for the state senate again in 2024.