

**St. Joseph County Michigan Republican Party**  
**March 28, 2023**

**Resolution concerning pre-trial release and fair trials of J-6 prisoners**

Whereas we believe it is unconstitutional to hold alleged January 6, 2021 Washington DC capitol protesters in what we have been informed is unclean, cruel, and unhealthy conditions in various prisons in and around Washington, DC without the access to a speedy and fair trial by their peers;

Whereas many of these same alleged rioters were not in possession of firearms or any weapon intentionally designed to cause physical harm;

Whereas many if not the vast majority of these individuals were peaceful protesters exercising their fundamental constitutional First Amendment right to free speech, and many were in fact peaceful rally attendees who managed to enter the Capitol by police invitation and found themselves touring the Capitol Building.

Whereas until March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 only select amounts of video evidence was available to J6 defendants and their legal counsel;

Whereas the January 6<sup>th</sup> select committee of the US Congress intentionally and willfully withheld over 40,000 hours of Capitol surveillance video footage contrary to the norms prescribed by law to ensure a fair and adequate defense;

Whereas withholding this video evidence compromised the due process rights of the J6 defendants resulting in rulings that defied the facts, which otherwise would likely have resulted in full exoneration of many if not most of the sentenced prisoners as well as those still awaiting trial;

Whereas the alleged J6 prisoners are being tried by Federal Judges who were not given the newly released video footage, and also by juries not remotely populated by the defendants' peers;

Whereas most prisoners awaiting trial are being held without the chance to post bail, or if they are given that option it is exorbitant, beyond any real ability for non-violent protesters to pay;

Whereas the FBI has admitted it used FBI agents, paid informants, Capitol police and Antifa related agitators to encourage many of the prisoners to enter into the Capital restricted grounds and the Capitol Building proper—in some cases actually “waving” them into the Capitol;

Whereas we as citizens of the United States and members of the St. Joseph County, MI Republican Party take umbrage to the miscarriage of justice represented by the J6 hearings, trials and conditions of prisoner treatment all of which are admittedly nowhere near fully documented in this resolution, and given our great passion for our country and our rule of law under the Constitution, we dutifully submit this resolution to all lovers of liberty far and wide; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, that the St. Joseph County, Michigan Republican Party:*

1. respectfully demands a thorough Congressional review of **all** J6 video;
2. respectfully demands the US Congress make immediate public release of all J6 video;
3. respectfully demands the US Congress defend the constitutional rights of all J6 prisoners awaiting trial and prescribe changes of venue by decree in all cases of out-of-capital district residents awaiting trial to ensure speedy and fair trials— with fair bail—by juries of their peers;
4. respectfully demand already-sentenced prisoners be given new trials based on previously concealed video surveillance footage that has now been released granting the aforementioned changes of venue; and
5. we strongly encourage all Michigan counties and Michigan county and state GOP parties and the RNC to support and advocate for these just and fair resolves.

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**Reference Note:** This resolution was passed on March 27, 2023 at the Executive Committee meeting of the St Joseph County Republican County held starting at 6:00 PM, with the motion to delete the phrase “as innocent peaceful tourists” at the end of the last sentence of the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph. Both the motion for the change and the whole resolution were passed by a roll call vote 12 to 2.