## Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, AC 20515-0603

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The Honorable Sean Patrick Maloney Congressman 464 Cannon House Office Building U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Maloney:

I write to you today about recent allegations you made while appearing on MSNBC. During a <u>live interview</u> yesterday, you said that you could "confirm" a Member of Congress gave Capitol tours to "insurrectionists" and implied that I was that Member of Congress. You also stated, "the enemy is within and we can not trust our own colleagues." You went on to state, "We can't be sure a Member of Congress won't bring a gun to the Inauguration."

Your comments are extremely offensive, shameful and dangerous. Your carelessness led to multiple media stories and viral tweets spreading this disinformation. Based on your lies and those of your colleagues, some have even gone so far as to accuse me of conspiring with the criminals that attacked the Capitol on January 6th.

Extremists that believe your rhetoric have posted photos of me with people I don't know at the Capitol Building in Denver, Colorado, following a rally from more than a year ago and claimed these were people that I gave a U.S. Capitol tour to on January 5, 2021.

Your failure to factcheck any of these lies or even talk to me before doing an interview on a national television network has resulted in my office receiving numerous death threats and hundreds of vile phone calls and emails.

I want to take this opportunity to set the record straight and address your dangerous disinformation campaign.

All of your implications are categorically false. I comply with all applicable firearm laws and regulations. I did not conspire with criminals that attacked the U.S. Capitol on January 6th. I have never given a tour of the U.S. Capitol to any outside group or "insurrectionists." In fact, the only people I have ever had in the Capitol with me during the 117th Congress are my young children, husband, mom, aunt and uncle. My mother was the only one of those family members in Washington D.C. on the 6<sup>th</sup>. During the riots, my mother was locked in a secure location, not in the U.S. Capitol, with my staff and never left their sight.

As the chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and someone that has been in Congress since 2013, one would think you would be more careful about what you say. I condemn your lies and partisan behavior that showed a lack of respect for the safety of my team and me. Finally, your allegations are an embarrassment to the House of Representatives.

In the future, if you have concerns about my actions or policy positions, please speak with me before

making baseless allegations.

I urge you to correct your false assertions on the record as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Lauren Boebert

Member of Congress

Cc: Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill