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### RELEASE JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> PRISONERS PROTEST IN NYC!

[Sunday June 27th, 12PM - 2PM]

**[NEW YORK, NEW YORK- Foley Square]** — Citizens Against Political Persecution (CAPP) will host a rally to petition the Federal Government on behalf of the January 6th detainees held in solitary confinement in Washington D.C. This peaceful protest against political persecution will take place in Foley Square in Manhattan, New York on June 27th, 2021 at 12 PM.

Speakers include John Pierce, attorney for January 6th defendants; Cara Castronuova, champion boxer and founder of Citizen's Against Political Persecution; Matt Breynard, Executive Director of Look Ahead America; Professor Mark Crispin Miller, New York University (Professor of Media Studies); and other distinguished surprise guests to be announced.

Interviews are available leading up to the event. The hope is to raise awareness beforehand as details about the conditions of the January 6<sup>th</sup> detainees emerge and Americans everywhere become concerned about what this means for the future.

"This event is to raise awareness so the general public understands what is going on," said CAPP co-founder Cara Castronuova. "What the Justice Department is doing to the January 6th protesters is political persecution and unconstitutional. Every American, regardless of their political affiliation, should care. The government can and will turn their focus and persecute any other group that disagrees with or challenges them. It is absolutely terrifying.."

Recent reports have emerged regarding the inhumane treatment of the detainees. There have been reports of torture, beatings and abuse. Some of the individuals are decorated war veterans who have not yet been convicted and many have only been charged with non-violent crimes like trespassing and disorderly conduct. Yet all detainees are being held without bail in solitary confinement for 23-24 hours a day since January 6th with no trial date in sight. This is torture under The Geneva Conventions.

Many legal experts are concerned about an unprecedented violation of due process rights and habeas corpus, as detainees are unable to access their lawyers or evidence being used against them by the state. Questions are arising if they will be mentally fit to stand trial after the abuse they are experiencing at the hands of the United States Government.

Christopher Worrell (a detainee with Stage 3 cancer that never entered the Capitol building) is currently being held without bail and being blocked from receiving life-saving cancer treatments. "I need my cancer doctor to stay alive," said Worrell. "The United States Government has betrayed me."

For more information on the rally please visit [www.CitizensAPP.us](http://www.CitizensAPP.us) Interviews are available with event organizers and speakers. **Please contact 516-661-3588 to schedule interviews or for more information.**