

# United States Senate

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Mr. Christopher Wray  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20535

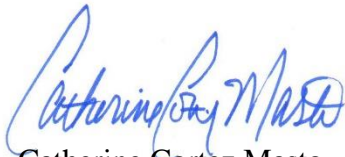
Dear Director Wray:

We respectfully request that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) initiate an investigation into an open letter written by the Chairman of the Nye County Republican Central Committee and shared on the organization's website.<sup>1</sup> We are deeply concerned that this letter may be inciting violence and insurrection against elected leaders.

As you can see, the letter, published January 8, 2021, denies basic facts about the 2020 election and falsely claims that President Trump – not President-elect Biden – will be inaugurated on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The letter goes on to claim without evidence that there is a plot involving Vice President Mike Pence to overthrow President Trump, and refers readers to Lin Wood's posts on Parler, where Mr. Wood recently called for Vice President Pence's execution.<sup>2</sup> The letter describes being in a "battle for our republic" and ends by saying that "It's 1776 all over again!"

In light of the events of January 6, 2021 that have resulted in the death of six people, including two U.S. Capitol Police officers, we are urging that the threats described in this letter be taken seriously. Please let us know if there is any other assistance we can provide.

Sincerely,



Catherine Cortez Masto  
United States Senator



Jacky Rosen  
United States Senator

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<sup>1</sup> <https://nyegop.org/2021/01/08/a-letter-from-the-chairman/?v=7516fd43adaa>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/09/politics/parler-lin-wood-mike-pence/index.html>