## Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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## Chief Manger,

As you know, on September 30, 2023, Congressman Jamaal Bowman pulled a fire alarm in the Cannon House Office Building during votes to fund the United States government through fiscal year 2025. In the spirit of transparency, we ask that the security footage of the incident be released in its entirety.

Congressman Bowman could potentially be held liable under two statutes: for pulling a false fire alarm and obstruction of official proceedings.

Under DC § 22–1319(a), "It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to willfully or knowingly give a false alarm of fire within the District of Columbia, and any person or persons violating the provisions of this subsection shall, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished by a fine not more than the amount set forth in § 22-3571.01 or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

18 U.S. Code § 1505 further stipulates that, "Whoever corruptly, or by threats or force, or by any threatening letter or communication influences, obstructs, or impedes or endeavors to influence, obstruct, or impede the due and proper administration of the law under which any pending proceeding is being had before any department or agency of the United States, or the due and proper exercise of the power of inquiry under which any inquiry or investigation is being had by either House, or any committee of either House or any joint committee of the Congress shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 5 years..."

One photograph is not enough to determine the severity of this situation. The American people deserve to know the extent of Congressman Bowman's conduct. We ask that this footage be released no later than October 6, 2023.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Matthew Krall at (202) 225-2901 or Matthew.Krall@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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