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Via Email

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Dear Members of the Advisory Committee on Capitol Area Security,

As chair of the Advisory Committee on Capitol Area Security, it is my goal to ensure all who work on or visit the Capitol Complex are safe. As members of the Advisory Committee on Capitol Area Security, we are in the position to bring forward ideas and suggestions for ensuring safety on the Capitol Complex. In light of recent events at our United States Capitol, and as we take steps out of an abundance of caution to keep people safe in Minnesota, it is time to continue the dialogue on how we can live up to this commitment of ensuring safety at our own state symbol of democracy, the Minnesota State Capitol.

To that end, I intend to call a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Capitol Area Security before the end of January, which will be the first of a series of meetings that we will hold early in the session. I have asked the Department of Administration and the Department of Public Safety to develop options for us to consider. I would request that you work with your members, Sergeants-at-Arms, and court security officials to come to Advisory Committee meetings prepared to articulate how we can make the Capitol Complex a safe place for those who work at and visit the Capitol.

I look forward to continuing the conversation with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peggy Flanagan".

Peggy Flanagan
Lieutenant Governor