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Jeff S. Sandy
West Virginia Military Affairs and Public Safety Secretary
Division of Protective Services
Capitol Police
Building 1, Room W400
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Secretary Sandy:

I am writing to express in the strongest possible terms our objection to the arrest of Public News Service reporter Dan Heyman in the State Capitol on May 9.

Mr. Heyman was doing what any good reporter would do – asking questions and attempting to hold government officials accountable for their decisions.

Freedom of the press is a sacred right, enshrined in our nation's Constitution.

I urge you to take all appropriate action to remove the stain on reputation of West Virginia's Capitol Police caused by this unfortunate incident.

Please keep me informed of your actions in this regard.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bernard Lunzer
President

cc: Director Kevin J. Foreman
Division of Protective Services
Capitol Police

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