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> **Subject: Safety Policies in the Capitol**
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> Dear Council Members,
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> I appreciate today's robust discussion surrounding safety measures in the Capitol, and I wanted to clarify that though I was unable to vote due to technical difficulties, I support the measures adopted by the Council.
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> One issue that lingered for me after the meeting's close is that I believe it should be further clarified that with the adoption of today's policies, LAA Security, the Sergeant at Arms and our contractors have the obligation and authority to enforce these measures until such a time as a future Leg Council votes to amend or rescind. No lack of House and/or Senate organization nullifies the policies. I feel like if members believe that the policies only extend during the interim, chaos may ensue.
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> Hopefully language clarifying that enforcement authority will be emphasized to all members of the legislature in communications from the Council or LAA in the future.

Thank you for all of the hard work put into ensuring the Legislature's safety.

All my best,
Chuck

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