

To: Madison County Board of Supervisors

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We all have watched the images of the mob breaching the US Capitol Building, disrupting our constitutional process, threatening the lives of our elected officials and murdering a Capitol police officer. In those images, I noticed some of the symbols that this mob was brandishing. One in particular was the presence of the "Thin Blue Line flag" waving prominently in the crowd. (I have attached news photos of the event)

This same flag is now flying at the Madison County Jail.

No matter what this flag originally represented, it is now and will forever be part of one of the worst days in our country's history! This flag is now a symbol of anarchy, racism and insurrection. Yes, that mob also appropriated our American flag. That was incredibly disrespectful. But that symbol clearly does not and should not divide us. It represents the higher ideals of our freedom and liberties and not sedition and lawlessness. The red white and blue is a symbol that seeks to unite us and not divide us. The Thin Blue line flag has become a symbol of division!

I suggest that the Board of Supervisors immediately instruct the Madison County Sheriff to remove this symbol of division from the Madison County Jail and any other building in their jurisdiction. It has no place on any public building of Madison County and for that matter any in these United States.

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