

Chairman, Ranking Member, and Members of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:

I am forwarding the attached-below public statement from the DC Chapter of The Conservative Caucus regarding the recent violent juvenile incident in Washington, DC's Navy Yard.

As residents and business owners continue to witness escalating juvenile disorder, many Washingtonians no longer view these incidents as isolated, but instead as prolonged governance failures under Home Rule. The continued rise in juvenile violence, truancy, family instability, and public disorder has severely eroded public confidence in local leadership.

We strongly support United States Attorney Jeanine Pirro's efforts to restore accountability and address repeat juvenile offenses through enforcement of existing laws, including parental/guardian accountability measures.

The incident also accentuates the urgent need for broader structural reform and meaningful congressional oversight. Under Article I, Section 8, Clause 17 of the Constitution, Congress retains both the authority and responsibility to ensure governance in the District adequately serves residents, businesses, workers, and visitors to the nation's capital.

The DC Chapter of The Conservative Caucus has also been developing recommendations focused on accountability, early intervention, public safety, and government efficiency, including juvenile intervention measures designed to disrupt repeat cycles of youth crime.

Thank you for your continued attention to the condition of Washington, DC and your service to the American people.

Respectfully,

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Chair, DC Chapter, The Conservative Caucus

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The DC Chapter of The Conservative Caucus fully supports United States Attorney, Jeanine Pirro, and the local and federal law enforcement professionals working to restore order in Washington, DC.

The violent teen brawl at the Navy Yard Chipotle last Saturday night was not random. It was the predictable outcome of 53 years of failed leadership under Home Rule - leadership that has normalized disorder, weakened accountability, and failed an entire generation of children.

The Mayor failed. The DC Council failed. Too many parents and guardians failed.

Washington, DC cannot continue excusing chaos as “youth behavior” while families hide in restaurant corners protecting their children from masked teenagers throwing chairs and beating each other in public.

This is why TRIFECTA’s “One & Done” pillar matters:

One & Done is built on a simple principle: catch the pattern early, intervene immediately, restore accountability, and redirect lives before dysfunction becomes destiny. **Discipline matters. Standards matter. Parenting matters.**

Strong communities are built by responsible adults, not by government systems that excuse truancy, tolerate violence, and protect failure from consequences.

Home Rule has become a shield for incompetence, corruption, and declining public safety. Under Article I, Section 8, Clause 17 of the Constitution, Congress has both the authority and responsibility to intervene when local governance no longer serves the people. Washingtonians deserve safe streets, functioning schools, accountable leadership, **and a city where families can thrive again** - not survive chaos.

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