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On 1/6, hours before Trump supporters stormed the Capitol, US Park Police monitoring rallygoers at the Washington Monument were already feeling overwhelmed

Officers arrested a man for breaching the barriers. In response, a woman yells "Antifa, let him go"
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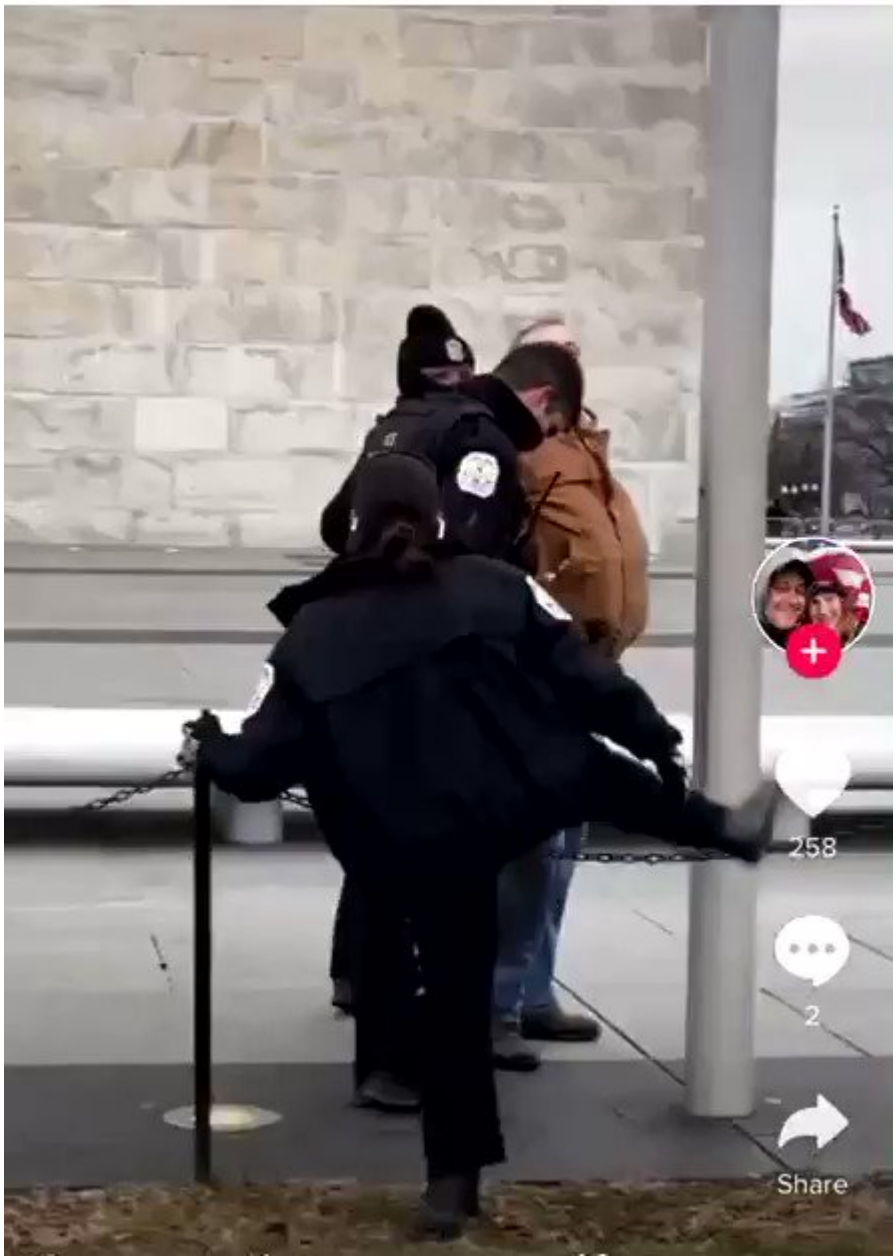


In another TikTok video before he was taken away, a Trump supporter murmurs about the police “...rush them. There's more of us than them."

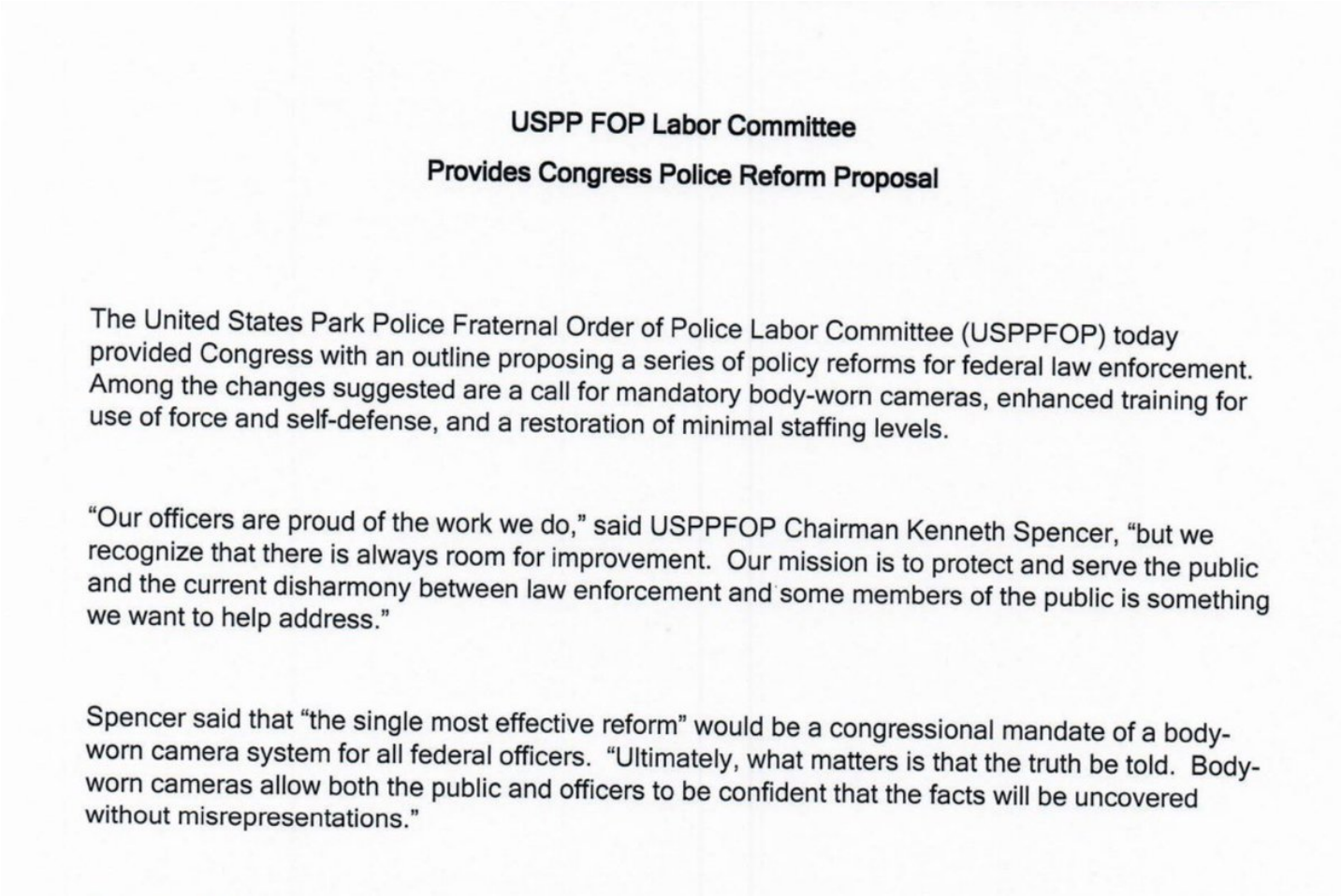
"You piece of shit," they yell. "You wouldn't do this to Antifa or BLM!"

Officers there said the hostility caused them to huddle up inside a visitor screening room. Trump fans carrying Stop the Steal signs then banged against the glass

Aided by USPP on horses, the group got their "butts out of there" before things got worse by sneaking out the back

USPP has been plagued by chronic issues

After their role in violently clearing peaceful protesters from Lafayette Square last June, their union wrote to Congress asking for reforms, stating they “lack the staffing to implement crowd control effectively” https://t.co/RXOQrIsF8h



USPP FOP Labor Committee

Provides Congress Police Reform Proposal

The United States Park Police Fraternal Order of Police Labor Committee (USPPFOP) today provided Congress with an outline proposing a series of policy reforms for federal law enforcement. Among the changes suggested are a call for mandatory body-worn cameras, enhanced training for use of force and self-defense, and a restoration of minimal staffing levels.

“Our officers are proud of the work we do,” said USPPFOP Chairman Kenneth Spencer, “but we recognize that there is always room for improvement. Our mission is to protect and serve the public and the current disharmony between law enforcement and some members of the public is something we want to help address.”

Spencer said that “the single most effective reform” would be a congressional mandate of a body-worn camera system for all federal officers. “Ultimately, what matters is that the truth be told. Body-worn cameras allow both the public and officers to be confident that the facts will be uncovered without misrepresentations.”