

DCCC: Derrick Van Orden's participation in the deadly insurrection cannot be forgotten

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One year ago today, a violent far-right mob incited by former President Trump and House Republicans' "Big Lie" stormed our Capitol in an attempt to overturn a free and fair American election. **Derrick Van Orden's participation in the deadly assault on our democracy can never be forgotten.**

Despite his lies trying to cover up his involvement, investigative reports have found that [Derrick Van Orden was in a restricted area of Capitol grounds](#) while a riot broke out which cost the lives of five people and injured 140 officers.

Van Orden also appeared to illegally use campaign funds as a personal slush fund to bankroll his trip to the insurrection – raising ethical concerns from multiple nonpartisan government watchdog groups including [Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington](#) and [Common Cause Wisconsin](#).

Leading up to the insurrection, Van Orden spent months baselessly and dangerously [casting doubt](#) on the results of his own election and propagating the "Big Lie" that the election was stolen.

"On one of the darkest days in our nation's history, Derrick Van Orden sided with insurrectionists and participated in a deadly attack on our democracy, as he joined in from a restricted part of Capitol grounds while the riot erupted. Van Orden is a threat to our democracy, and he has no business representing Western Wisconsin in Congress," **said DCCC spokesperson Elena Kuhn.**

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