

WisDems: Mark Pocan calls for release of Van Orden security footage

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MADISON, Wis. — Yesterday, Rep. Mark Pocan called for Rep. Brian Steil to release security footage showing Rep. Derrick Van Orden's confrontation with teenaged U.S. Senate Pages at the U.S. Capitol last week.

As chairman of the House Committee on Administration, Steil has authority over U.S. Capitol security. Earlier this year, House Republicans released more than 44,000 hours of Capitol surveillance footage from the January 6th attacks to then-Fox News host Tucker Carlson.

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Democratic U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan is calling for the release of security footage of an incident last week in which western Wisconsin Republican U.S. Rep. Derrick Van Orden allegedly cursed at high school-aged Capitol pages.

In a letter Tuesday to fellow Wisconsin U.S. Rep. Bryan Steil, R-Janesville, the chair of the House Committee on Administration, Pocan called for security video of the incident to be released immediately "to ensure greater transparency into this incident."

"As you are no doubt aware, initial reports of the incident stated that the group of Senate pages were in the Rotunda that evening to take pictures during their last week at the Capitol, and while there, some of the teenagers positioned themselves and their camera on the floor in order to capture a photo of the interior of the

historic Capitol dome,” Pocan wrote in part. “The vast reporting states that when Representative Van Orden came across the teenagers, who spent their summer providing vital support to daily operations at the Capitol, he ‘became enraged’ and swore at the pages, calling them ‘lazy s—’ and telling them to ‘get the f— up’ off the floor.”

Pocan called Van Orden’s behavior “completely unacceptable,” adding it “further calls into question his fitness for office.”

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News 3 Now reached out to Steil’s office for comment Tuesday afternoon but did not immediately receive a response.