UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
v.	)	**No. 21-cr-203 (JDB)**
	)	
ALEXANDER SHEPPARD,	)	
	)	
Defendant	)	
	)	

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUTHORITY DEFENSE

Mr. Sheppard, through counsel, and pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 12.3, hereby gives notice that he may assert as a defense at trial that he was acting under actual or believed public authority at the time of the alleged offenses. Mr. Sheppard submits that, on or about January 6, 2021, he was and believed he was directed and authorized to engage in the conduct set forth in the indictment by Donald J. Trump and his various agents and representatives. At the time, Mr. Trump was vested with the full authority of the Executive Branch as President of the United States of America and was acting under color of that authority.

Respectfully submitted,

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