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Mr. Mark Preston
CNN
820 1st St. NE
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Preston,

As national president of the Society of Professional Journalists, I want to offer our support to you, Kaitlan Collins, and the rest of your colleagues and staff after yesterday's events at the White House.

SPJ is deeply concerned with the White House's behavior and attitude toward journalists and freedom of the press. We stand in solidarity with you and offer our assistance and expertise in working toward improving the situation our country is facing. As you know, Americans depend on journalists to hold the powerful accountable and ask questions on behalf of all citizens. It is disturbing that those who occupy the White House do not seem to understand (or care about) the important, historic role the press plays in our country.

Keep asking the questions, continue serving as a watchdog for the American people, and continue your good work. We'll stand with you always.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Baker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rebecca Baker
SPJ National President

cc: Jeff Zucker, Kaitlan Collins, David Chalian, Rachel Smolkin and Brian Stelter