July 26, 2018

Olivier Knox
President
White House Correspondents’ Association
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Knox,

As national president of the Society of Professional Journalists, I want to offer our support to you, Kaitlan Collins, and the rest of the White House Correspondents’ Association 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,

Rebecca Baker
SPJ National President

Cc: Kaitlan Collins, Steven Thomma