

EXPOSING THE FALSE CLAIMS JUSTIFYING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S ATTACKS ON THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Evidence Demonstrates Significant Reduction
in Crime in D.C. Since 2023

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I. OVERVIEW

On August 25, 2025, Oversight Republicans wrote to Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Chief Pamela Smith requesting transcribed interviews with one former and seven current commanders of MPD's patrol districts. The letter claimed that Oversight Republicans were “investigating” whether crime statistics were “intentionally manipulated, potentially at the direction of Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) leadership.”¹ In fact, the true purpose of Oversight Republicans' investigation was to cover up the Trump Administration's lies about crime rates in Washington, D.C.

As this report's findings reflect, the investigation backfired on Republicans and the Trump Administration almost as soon as it began, thanks in large part to the testimony of every single one of the eight current and former MPD commanders who sat for transcribed interviews. The investigation provided evidence that President Trump lied about crime in D.C. to justify his attempted takeover of MPD and deployment of troops to D.C.'s streets.² It also generated evidence refuting Republicans' far-fetched conspiracy theory alleging a whole-of-department effort to manipulate MPD's crime data. And the investigation undermined Republican attacks on home rule—the right of D.C. residents to govern themselves—by showing how D.C.'s government, including both the D.C. Council and MPD, was successfully reducing crime *without federal intervention*.³

The lie at the foundation of the Trump Administration's assault on D.C.'s right to govern itself was clear on its face: President Trump said crime was increasing, but it was not.⁴

¹ Letter from Chairman James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Chief of Police Pamela A. Smith, District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department (Aug. 28, 2025) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/MPD-Crime-Statistics-Manipulation-Doc-Request-and-TI-Request.pdf>). Oversight Republicans' letter was sent only days after the issuance of an August 11, 2025, executive order by President Trump and an August 19, 2025, announcement that the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) for the District of Columbia was similarly investigating MPD over its crime data.

² See, e.g. Exec. Order No. 14333, 90 Fed. Reg. 39301 (Aug. 11, 2025); The White House, *Restoring Law and Order in the District of Columbia* (Aug. 11, 2025) (online at www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/08/restoring-law-and-order-in-the-district-of-columbia/); Office of the Attorney General, Order No. 6370-2025 (Aug. 14, 2025) (online at www.justice.gov/ag/media/1411281/dl?inline).

³ The Committee's September 18, 2025, hearing on “Oversight of the District of Columbia” also presented compelling testimony that highlighted D.C.'s efforts to lower crime. See Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, *Hearing on Oversight of the District of Columbia* (Sept. 18, 2025) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/hearing/oversight-of-the-district-of-columbia/>).

⁴ *Fact Focus: Trump Exaggerates, Misstates Facts on Washington Crime*, AP (Aug. 11, 2025) (online at <https://apnews.com/article/trump-washington-crime-factcheck-violent-homelessness-db6f809a13800ccc1f4606bb9bf506a8>); Exec. Order No. 14333, 90 Fed. Reg. 39301 (Aug. 11, 2025); The White House, *Restoring Law and Order in the District of Columbia* (Aug. 11, 2025) (online at www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/08/restoring-law-and-order-in-the-district-of-columbia/); Office of

In reality, as every single one of the MPD commanders testified, D.C. was experiencing a sustained *decrease* in crime over the past two years, well before any intervention from the Trump Administration.⁵ As commander after commander testified, the data recording this remarkable trend was not manipulated; in fact, they used that data every day to help successfully drive down crime.

A wealth of data exposed President Trump's lie, including MPD data audited and published by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), daily crime classifications published on MPD's website, emergency room admissions, gunshot-detection devices, and surveys of residents' lived experiences.⁶ Notably, Oversight Republicans fixated on MPD's Daily Crime Report (DCR), which is aimed at providing daily transparency to D.C. residents on nine crimes MPD has reported to the public for decades. As MPD explains on its website, these daily reports are *preliminary* because they reflect classifications that can change in the normal course of police work.

Oversight Republicans' allegations of intentional data manipulation were extensively rebutted by the testimony of the eight current and former MPD commanders interviewed by the Committee. Moreover, a parallel investigation by the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) for the District of Columbia also undercut Oversight Republicans' assertions and contradicted Oversight Republicans' assertions and contradicted Oversight Republicans' core "finding" that certain crimes were misclassified as less serious offenses.⁷

Two final observations encapsulate the disastrous nature of Oversight Republicans' investigation. First, Oversight Republicans have chosen to keep the full transcripts of the eight

the Attorney General, Order No. 6370-2025 (Aug. 14, 2025) (online at www.justice.gov/ag/media/1411281/dl?inline).

⁵ See *Fact Check: Violent Crime in DC Has Fallen in 2024 and 2025 After a 2023 Spike*, CNN (Aug. 11, 2025) (online at www.cnn.com/2025/08/11/politics/violent-crime-dc-fact-check-vis).

⁶ See Federal Bureau of Investigation, *National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)* (online at www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/more-fbi-services-and-information/ucr/nibrs) (accessed Dec. 18, 2025); Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime Data Explorer* (online at <https://cde.ucr.cjis.gov/LATEST/webapp/#/pages/explorer/crime/crime-trend>) (accessed Dec. 18, 2025); District of Columbia Department of Health, *Firearm Injury Emergency Room Visits* (online at https://dataviz1.dc.gov/t/OCTO/views/DCFASTERDASHBOARD/LandingPage?%3AshowAppBanner=false&%3Adisplay_count=n&%3AshowVizHome=n&%3Aorigin=viz_share_link&%3Aembed=yes&%3Atoolbar=no) (accessed Dec. 18, 2025); D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, *ShotSpotter Data, Disclaimer and Dictionary* (online at <https://mpdc.dc.gov/publication/shotspotter-data-disclaimer-and-dictionary>) (accessed Dec. 18, 2025); *We Asked 604 D.C. Residents About Trump's Takeover. Here's What They Said*, Washington Post (Aug. 20, 2025) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2025/08/20/dc-poll-trump-crime-police/).

⁷ United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, *Memorandum of Investigation re: Metropolitan Police Department Crime Statistics* (Dec. 10, 2025) (online at <https://foxbaltimore.com/resources/pdf/cb1edd1c-9d11-4b22-a8d1-d1efa0a0a025-2025.12.10DRAFTStatCase.pdf>). A leaked draft of the USAO's report repeatedly contradicted the Majority's findings that assault with a dangerous weapon (ADW) offenses were being misclassified as endangerment with a firearm or aggravated assault. The USAO report found only six misclassified endangerment with a firearm offenses (and none that should have been classified as ADWs) and ten aggravated assault classifications that should have been ADWs.

interviews hidden from public review.⁸ An investigation into data manipulation is clearly in trouble when the investigators manipulate their own data and hide the evidence. Second, the parallel investigation conducted by the USAO faulted MPD leadership for “a significant increase in pressure to reduce crime”—not to whitewash statistics.⁹ Admonishing MPD leadership for being focused on safeguarding D.C. makes clear that these investigations are driven by a political agenda, not a commitment to public safety.

From start to finish, it has been clear that Oversight Republicans' failed investigation was an assault on reality at the behest of an unstable President angry at a police department for doing its job.

II. KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The Trump Administration lied about crime in D.C. to justify illegally deploying troops and attempting to take control of MPD. Commanders uniformly testified that crime in D.C. has significantly decreased since 2023.
- Commanders were not directed to “intentionally manipulate” crime data, and several commanders explained how they were incentivized to ensure that the data was accurate.
- Commanders testified that crime classifications change in the ordinary course of policing and incidents can be reclassified upon discussion, review, or further investigation.
- Commanders testified that the information in the DCR captures an accurate snapshot of the state of crime in D.C.
- Commanders did not support the Majority’s claim that offenses were intentionally downgraded to certain “intermediate crimes.”
- Commanders emphasized the importance of community policing and local control, in contrast to federal intervention.
- President Trump, Administration officials, and Oversight Republicans cited MPD’s crime data when it was politically convenient—and continued to do so months after this “investigation” began.

⁸ As of the date of this report, Oversight Republicans have anonymized the identities of commanders.

⁹ United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia, *Memorandum of Investigation re: Metropolitan Police Department Crime Statistics* (Dec. 10, 2025) (online at <https://foxbaltimore.com/resources/pdf/cb1edd1c-9d11-4b22-a8d1-d1efa0a0a025-2025.12.10DRAFTStatCase.pdf>).

III. FINDINGS

Throughout their investigation and interim report, Oversight Republicans persistently mischaracterized and distorted the testimony of the MPD commanders interviewed by the Committee. Oversight Democrats have sought to provide evidence of Oversight Republicans' false claims and clarify about the commanders' testimony.

A. THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION LIED ABOUT CRIME IN D.C. TO JUSTIFY ILLEGALLY DEPLOYING TROOPS AND ATTEMPTING TO TAKE CONTROL OF MPD.



Commanders Uniformly Testified that Crime in D.C. has Significantly Decreased Since 2023.

In August 2025, the Trump Administration unlawfully deployed the National Guard to D.C. and unlawfully attempted to seize control of MPD from the people of D.C., D.C.'s elected mayor, and MPD leadership. The Trump Administration justified this attempted power grab by issuing an executive order declaring yet another “emergency”—its tenth to date.¹⁰ But, as Oversight Republicans' investigation has shown, obvious lies by President Trump about the state of crime in D.C. formed the foundation of this so-called “crime emergency.”

The Trump Administration's pretext for its deployment of the National Guard and attempted takeover of MPD rested on false statements about crime in D.C. President Trump's executive order falsely stated that there was an “increase in violent crime,” when in fact D.C. was experiencing a rapid and sustained *decrease* in violent crime, a trend that continues to this day.¹¹ The Trump Administration claimed that “local government” had “lost control of public

¹⁰ Exec. Order No. 14333, 90 Fed. Reg. 39301 (Aug. 11, 2025); *How Trump Used 10 Emergency Declarations to Justify Hundreds of Actions*, New York Times (Aug. 22, 2025) (online at www.nytimes.com/interactive/2025/08/22/us/politics/trump-emergency-immigration-tariffs-crime.html).

¹¹ Exec. Order No. 14333, 90 Fed. Reg. 39301 (Aug. 11, 2025); *Fact Check: Violent Crime in DC Has Fallen in 2024 and 2025 After a 2023 Spike*, CNN (Aug. 11, 2025) (online at www.cnn.com/2025/08/11/politics/violent-crime-dc-fact-check-vis).

order and safety” at the same time that MPD and D.C. officials continued to successfully bring down crime.¹² At a press conference that was described as “detached from reality,” President Trump falsely stated that crime in D.C. was “getting worse. Not getting better, it’s getting worse.”¹³ But it was, of course, getting better—thanks in part to the efforts of MPD and the rest of D.C.’s government, as Oversight Republicans’ investigation has made clear.

During Oversight Republicans’ investigation, MPD commanders bolstered this fact and uniformly testified that crime in D.C. has significantly decreased since the post-pandemic peak in 2023:

Every commander cited their own personal experience to describe how crime has been dropping in D.C. since 2023. When Republican staff insinuated that there was no actual drop in crime, Commander A disagreed, stating that “crime is down from 2023, I will say that. I’ve lived that. I’ve experienced that. We are nowhere near where we were in 2023.”¹⁴

- In describing the crime trends since 2023, Commander B said, “Crime is trending down.” “Everybody was seeing that spike in 2023 into 2024 and then declining, and I think everybody has kind of seen that as we continue.”¹⁵
- In response to a Republican staff member’s question about the current crime levels in their district, Commander D said, “The crime has been reduced. It’s greatly diminished from where it was.”¹⁶
- Commander G described how MPD’s crime data was used for hot-spot policing strategies that were “huge for driving down my crime at the end of 2023 and 2024 and now, 2025.”¹⁷

¹² The White House, *Restoring Law and Order in the District of Columbia* (Aug. 11, 2025) (online at www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/08/restoring-law-and-order-in-the-district-of-columbia/).

¹³ *Press Conference: Donald Trump Announces Military Deployment in Washington*, Roll Call (Aug. 11, 2025) (online at <https://rollcall.com/factbase/trump/transcript/donald-trump-press-conference-law-enforcement-washington-dc-august-11-2025/>); *Seth Meyers on Trump’s Rambling DC Press Conference: ‘It’s Embarrassing for All of Us’*, The Guardian (Aug. 12, 2025) (online at www.theguardian.com/culture/2025/aug/12/seth-meyers-trump-dc-press-conference).

¹⁴ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander A (Oct. 2025).

¹⁵ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander B (Oct. 2025).

¹⁶ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander D (Nov. 2025).

¹⁷ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander G (Nov. 2025).

B. Commanders Were Not Directed to “Intentionally Manipulate” Crime Data, and Several Commanders Explained How They Were Incentivized to Ensure Data Was Accurate.

- The commanders consistently testified that they did not feel pressure to change crime classifications to less serious offenses to give a false sense of a crime reduction. “I haven’t experienced that,” Commander D said.¹⁸
- The commanders refuted Republican allegations that more serious offenses are being classified as less serious offenses to downplay crime in D.C., with Commander B stating, “So if I’m hiding crime numbers, then the chief of police is going to, rightfully so, take resources out of my district and send them somewhere else, and I don’t want that.”¹⁹
- Similarly, Commander F testified that it was important to have reliable information because MPD leaders “need classifications to be as accurate as possible because ultimately that shows how [MPD] deploy [their] resources. And [they] have to get it right.”²⁰
- In discussing how they used crime data to allocate resources, Commander G stated, “I rely on the DCR, that’s how I determine what crime trends are occurring.”²¹
- Commander C said, “You want the data to be accurate, and it’s how you use the information. If we have theft from auto problems, and we’re not reporting it accurately, and if I go request an analysis report, when I go to move resources, I’ll be doing it with inaccurate reports.”²²
- Oversight Republicans’ attempt to cast doubt on the accuracy of D.C. crime data fell flat, as the commanders had to remind Majority staff about the complexities of crime classification and that “[c]rimes aren’t cookie-cutter offenses.”²³

¹⁸ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander D (Nov. 2025).

¹⁹ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander B (Oct. 2025).

²⁰ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander F (Nov. 2025).

²¹ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander G (Nov. 2025).

²² Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander C (Nov. 2025).

²³ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander F (Nov. 2025).

C. Commanders Testified that Crime Classifications Change in the Ordinary Course of Policing and Incidents Can Be Reclassified Upon Discussion, Review, or Further Investigation.

- The commanders agreed that it is normal for crime classifications to change in the ordinary course of policing. Commander A testified, “Classifications shift and change as we get more information. Not everybody tells the police the truth on the scene at these offenses. So the changing of classifications throughout the investigation is not something that is necessarily cause for alarm.”²⁴
- Each commander also described how new information obtained by MPD can change the classification of an incident. Commander A explained that officers “investigate, and we learn more, and video and other information comes forth, and maybe we track down other witnesses and things like that. That is routine. New information, even when contrary, should be considered.”²⁵
- Commander D testified, “I think at any time [a classification] could be up for debate, depending—you know, elements change. You know, the classification’s based on the elements of the crime are what evidence we have, what occurred. So there’s sometimes additional information that’s learned. Sometimes people recant their stories, things of that nature. So classifications can change, and also can change before it ever gets done on the scene. You know, we have different people talking about it on the scene trying to come up with what is the best classification for this crime.”²⁶
- Commander F testified that initial crime classifications “could change because the initial report, as we get more evidence in, as we’re working in real time trying to get evidence in, and we find a crime camera, and we pull that video and see that what was originally reported didn’t occur in the manner they reported, it’s possible that that crime was not reported correctly and it could be downgraded to a lesser crime that fits what the evidence shows.”²⁷

²⁴ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander A (Oct. 2025).

²⁵ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander A (Oct. 2025).

²⁶ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander D (Nov. 2025).

²⁷ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander F (Nov. 2025).

D. Commanders Testified that the Information in the DCR Paints an Accurate Snapshot of the State of Crime in D.C.

- Commander C testified that the DCR data published by MPD “gives an accurate picture of crime in the District.”²⁸
- Commander D testified that the DCR categories “gives you the best barometer” of the most serious crimes in D.C., stating, “I think that it does a pretty good job of capturing the biggest categories.”²⁹
- Commander G stated “I do” when asked if they believe the DCR paints an accurate picture of crime in D.C.³⁰
- When asked if the DCR displays an accurate sense of violent crime trends in D.C., Commander H testified, “Yeah, I believe this is pretty accurate.”³¹
- Additionally, the DCR and the information MPD provides to the FBI’s National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) are consistent in showing crime declining from a 2023 peak.³²

E. Commanders Did Not Support the Majority’s Claim that They Were Instructed to Intentionally Downgrade Certain Offenses.

Throughout the investigation, commanders rebutted Oversight Republicans’ accusations that MPD intentionally misclassified certain serious offenses to avoid their inclusion in the DCR. The offenses of felony assault, endangerment with a firearm, and aggravated assault enhanced

²⁸ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander C (Nov. 2025).

²⁹ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander D (Nov. 2025).

³⁰ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander G (Nov. 2025).

³¹ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander H (Nov. 2025).

³² Federal Bureau of Investigation, *National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)* (online at www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/more-fbi-services-and-information/ucr/nibrs) (accessed Dec. 18, 2025); Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime Data Explorer* (online at <https://cde.ucr.cjis.gov/LATEST/webapp/#/pages/explorer/crime/crime-trend>) (accessed Dec. 18, 2025); District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department, *MPD Annual Report 2024* (online at https://mpdc.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/mpdc/page_content/attachments/MPD%20Annual%20Report%202024_FIN_web.pdf) (accessed Dec. 18, 2025); District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department, *District Crime Data at a Glance* (online at <https://mpdc.dc.gov/node/197622>) (accessed Dec. 18, 2025); see also *Re-Evaluating Washington DC’s Crime Trends*, Jeff-alytics (Oct. 6, 2025) (online <https://jasher.substack.com/p/re-evaluating-washington-dcs-crime>).

penalties for conduct that might otherwise be charged as a lower-level offense.³³ Commanders made clear that these classifications were being used as intended.

- Commanders denied that they were pressured to intentionally downgrade certain offenses to “intermediate crimes,” and explained that the “intermediate crime” categories were helpful in accurately classifying crimes that would have otherwise been charged as lesser offenses.
- When asked by Republican staff if commanders had faced indirect pressure to apply the “intermediate crime” classifications more often, Commander F said “no.”³⁴
- Commander C disagreed with Republican staff’s assertion that the felony assault crime classification has intentionally lowered assault with a dangerous weapon (ADW) statistics, explaining that because “felony assault never incorporated dangerous weapons anyway,” they “don’t see it taking away from ADW stats.”³⁵
- Commander D disputed the idea that offenses that are now classified as “intermediate crimes” would have been previously categorized as more serious crimes, explaining that they “believe most of our endangerment of firearms would have probably been [the lesser offense of] unlawful discharge previously, but we kind of refined it to a higher penalty.”³⁶
- Commander C explained how “absolutely” helpful felony assaults were in “bridg[ing] the gap” when “there was not a good felony charge for somebody who was assaulted and sustained, like, some serious injuries but just didn’t, like, rise to the level of aggravated.”³⁷
- Commander E confirmed that aggravated assault and felony assault have been useful in adequately classifying and charging crimes because when “someone’s beaten pretty bad, they’re charged accordingly” and “it gives [MPD] a little bit more teeth.”³⁸

³³ Council of the District of Columbia, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, *Committee Report on Bill 25-345 “Secure DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2024”* (Jan. 17, 2024) (online at https://lims.dccouncil.gov/downloads/LIMS/53364/Committee_Report/B25-0345-Committee_Report1.pdf?Id=183670).

³⁴ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander F (Nov. 2025).

³⁵ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander C (Nov. 2025).

³⁶ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander D (Nov. 2025).

³⁷ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander C (Nov. 2025).

³⁸ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander E (Nov. 2025).

F. Commanders Emphasized the Importance of Community Policing and Local Control, in Contrast to Federal Intervention.

- When asked whether there was any substitute for MPD in protecting the public, Commander E replied, “I think we’re so intertwined with the community and everything. It’s just so important to have those relationships. So it’s different. Bringing other federal agencies in to police is different than to—it’s different.”³⁹
- Commander F described how “Community policing is the foundation of MPD, we are a community-based agency. Community is very influential on how we move.”⁴⁰
- In response to the question about whether D.C. residents should be able to select their governing officials, Commander A said, “I do believe in the democracy. I think that is one of the fundamental principles of it. So yes[.]”⁴¹
- One commander stated that “I may not always agree with the Council [but] I think they serve an important and critical role in our city.”⁴²
- When asked whether anything said in their transcribed interview should be taken as evidence to reduce home rule, Commander H plainly stated, “[n]ot anything I said today, no.”⁴³

G. President Trump, Administration Officials, and Oversight Republicans Cited MPD’s Crime Data When It Was Politically Convenient—and Continued to Do So Months After This “Investigation” Began.

Despite their claims of data manipulation, President Trump, the Trump Administration, and Oversight Republicans repeatedly pointed to the same MPD data to score political points and portray the Administration as successful in driving down crime in D.C.

³⁹ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander E (Nov. 2025).

⁴⁰ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander F (Nov. 2025).

⁴¹ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander A (Oct. 2025).

⁴² Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander A (Oct. 2025).

⁴³ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Transcribed Interview of Commander H (Nov. 2025).

- On December 1, 2025, FBI Director Kash Patel relied on MPD data to claim declining rates of violent crime.⁴⁴
- Jeanine Pirro, U.S. attorney for D.C., cited MPD data to claim declining rates of crime in an interview on October 22, 2025.⁴⁵
- At a White House event on May 7, 2025, President Trump cited MPD crime data: “Crime is down in Washington, D.C....People have noticed a big difference...Crime is down 25% in Washington, D.C.”⁴⁶
- In April 2025, Pardon Attorney Ed Martin, then interim U.S. attorney for D.C., cited MPD data to announce “a 25 percent drop year-to-date in violent crime across the District.”⁴⁷
- Oversight Republicans cited MPD data during a February 2023 floor speech in support of a House resolution which disapproved of the D.C. Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022.⁴⁸

IV. CONCLUSION

Attacks on reality often fail, and Oversight Republicans’ investigation was no exception. In light of the Majority’s misrepresentations in their interim report and Republicans’ ongoing attacks on D.C. residents’ right to home rule, Democratic staff will continue to keep the public informed of any developments in this and any related “investigations,” and will be prepared to conduct aggressive oversight over any efforts by the Trump Administration to undermine the integrity and effectiveness of MPD.

⁴⁴ *Oops! FBI Chief Undermines Trump’s Main Reason for Taking Over D.C.*, The New Republic (Aug. 11, 2025) (online at <https://newrepublic.com/post/198981/donald-trump-fbi-chief-kash-patel-data-washington-dc-crime>); *FBI Director Brags About DC Crime Drop Using Same Police Data Trump Called ‘Fake’*, Independent Journal Review (Dec. 2, 2025) (online at <https://ijr.com/fbi-director-brags-about-dc-crime-drop-using-same-police-data-trump-called-fake/>).

⁴⁵ *US Attorney Jeanine Pirro Talks with 7News About Crime in DC*, 7News (Oct. 21, 2025) (online at <https://wjla.com/news/local/us-attorney-dc-jeanine-pirro-7-news-federal-law-enforcement-dc-crime-stats-dc-police-mpd-federal-takeover>).

⁴⁶ The White House, *President Trump Swears in the Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China* (May 7, 2025) (online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=MydfT0rCkZ8&t=800s).

⁴⁷ U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia, *Press Release: U.S. Attorney Ed Martin Jr. Credits President Trump’s First 100 Days with 25% Drop in D.C. Violent Crime* (Apr. 28, 2025) (online at www.justice.gov/usao-dc/pr/us-attorney-ed-martin-jr-credits-president-trumps-first-100-days-25-drop-dc-violent).

⁴⁸ Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, *Press Release: Comer: D.C.’s Soft-on-Crime Law Will Turn the Crime Crisis into a Catastrophe* (Feb. 9, 2023) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/release/comer-d-c-s-soft-on-crime-law-will-turn-the-crime-crisis-into-a-catastrophe/>).