

MEDIA INFORMATION

Congresswoman

Sheila Jackson Lee

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Press Statement

Washington, DC - Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee released the following statement regarding the janitors protest:

“Yesterday at approximately 4:45 p.m. CT, fifty demonstrators, including SEIU janitors from Houston, SEIU janitors from other cities and supporters, were engaged in a non-violent act of civil disobedience at the intersection of Capitol and Travis Streets in downtown Houston, a major intersection flanked by three buildings owned by national landlord JP Morgan Chase. The janitors were challenging Houston's real estate industry to settle the strike and provide 5,300 janitors in Houston with higher wages and affordable health insurance.

“Workers have reported that they were stepped on by horses leaving an unknown number of protestors with bruises and other injuries. The number of workers who sustained injuries is currently unknown. Immediately after the act of violence, the police arrested the protestors and put them on a bus and took them in for booking.

“A protest is a sign of freedom in the United States and exercises our basic rights to free speech. I am calling for a swift and fair resolution to this matter before more people get hurt needlessly.”

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