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**OFFICIAL PRESS STATEMENT
THE SEDITIOUS ATTACK OF THE U.S. CAPITOL**

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GRAND RAPIDS|DETROIT - In the self-motivated spectacle of present-day leadership playing on the world stage today, there are many “characters” who lack character. Moreover, the foot path of history is plagued with many who controlled the reins of power but lacked strong leadership qualities. The deficiency of persevering leadership and character is evident during times in which society struggles under precarious times. We need strong leaders who have the courage to wrestle with perplexing issues and seemingly overwhelming problems, as well as the ability to discover and implement workable solutions. More than ever before, what we demand today are competent, effective, compassionate, and visionary leaders in all walks of life.

In light of the current behavior of our governmental leadership, and the path in which they are driving some of the citizens of the United States, it is painfully obvious that it was never about “we the people.” It was never about the collective good of “all citizens of these United States.” It was always about supporting a group as long as their actions align with what they believe they should be doing. These people are begging to be seen for who they really are, and we should probably start paying attention.

What has occurred on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C. is beyond deplorable. It is absolutely unpatriotic. Not liking the results (or potential results) of the 2020 election is not a reason to jeopardize the process itself. Some of the same people who were against the protests for social justice, are the same people protesting completely legal proceedings and voting. This attack on democracy has been supported, no incited, by the current U.S. President Donald J. Trump.

For months now, with many political figures remaining silent, this president along with his allies in congress and others have weaponized the first amendment to suit personal agendas and galvanized a base to commit uncivilized actions is not presidential behavior or leadership. It is unamerican and unmoral to refer to peaceful protesters for social justice, exercising their First Amendment rights as less than American citizens. And yet the thug filled angry mob desecrated the “citizens house” to force, through sedition, the will of the few over the will of the majority. It is almost shocking to watch as senators and representatives who were voted in by the PEOPLE,

are allowing their constituents to suffer. America needs help, have needed help, and will continue to need help as we recover from four years of the dismantling of our institutions and gains by way of social justice. We encourage everyone to see how their elected officials are voting on every level and remember it when they are up for re-election.

We call on congress and those remaining in the Trump Administration during these tumultuous times to “ACT NOW.” This is what happens when justice is only served for some instead of all.

“If we are to go forward, we must go back and rediscover these precious values – that all reality hinges on moral foundations and that all reality has spiritual control.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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