

**Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors** 

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## Supervisors Denounce Anti-Democratic Coup Attempt in Washington D.C.

Milwaukee – Supervisors Ryan Clancy, Joseph J. Czarnezki, Jason Haas, Willie Johnson, Jr., Sylvia Ortiz-Velez, Shawn Rolland, Steven Shea, Liz Sumner and Sheldon A. Wasserman released the following statement regarding the riotous mob storming the United States Capitol in a reprehensible attempt to stop Congress from certifying the Presidential election:

"There is nothing else to call the disgraceful acts committed at the Capitol today than a coup attempt. We must also be clear that President Trump is directly responsible for this violent act of insurrection. Trump's egregious lies and debunked conspiracy theorizing around election fraud has incited a group of his supporters to storm the Capitol causing massive destruction and violence, and most importantly, threatening the peaceful transition of power that is central to our democracy.

"Today is the saddest moment for American democracy since the Civil War. The United States Congress was in the process of performing its constitutionally delegated duty of reporting the results of the November election when a mob, inspired by the president, stormed the Capitol building and tried to overturn the will of the American voters. We call upon every office holder and law enforcement member to protect the Constitution and restore the rule of law.

"Congress should act swiftly to impeach the President for a second time, and this time he should be removed from office. The cabinet should also move forward with invoking the 25th Amendment, as it is clear this President does not have the ability to lead our country.

"This is domestic terrorism. The contrast is striking between the amount of leeway this mob has been given compared to the marchers we have seen met with the National Guard and police brutality in the streets of Kenosha and Wauwatosa. Neither of these is justice.

"People on TV are saying this is a surprise and that 'this is not America,' but we are not surprised—this is America right now. This is the predictable outcome of electing federal and state officials who never meet in the middle, never listen to each other and always hate their enemy. We need to start hearing each other and getting along better. Donald J. Trump, the man who weaponized all of this division, should be ashamed—and so should all of the federal and state leaders who allowed his poisonous divisiveness to tear the country we love apart."