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We, the undersigned, unequivocally condemn the terrorist attack on our US Capitol on January 6th. We condemn any and all attempts to delay the certification of or to overturn the clearly legitimate results of a democratic election. We witness and condemn the hypocrisy of our militarized and white supremacist policing system, which reacts with extreme violence to people of color peacefully protesting, while allowing white supremacists to commit literal domestic terrorism against our government. As Unitarian Universalists, we affirm and promote the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.

As our UUA President Susan Frederick Gray has said, "As Unitarian Universalists, it is important to remember that our commitment to democracy is not just political or moral, it is fundamentally theological. It grows from our affirmation of the inherent worth and dignity of every person and the Universalist understanding that we are all part of one creation, interconnected. These theological values of human dignity and interdependence are why we know everyone needs a voice in the matters that affect their lives." We are prepared to join in collective, moral, faithful action to defend our democracy. We call on all of our country's leaders and institutions to do the same.

In faith,

Rev. Liz Lerner Maclay, First Unitarian Church of Providence

Rev. Paul Langston-Daley, Bell St. Chapel

Rev. DL Helfer, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County

Rev. William Zelazny, Channing Memorial Church

Rev. Ellen Quaadgras, Westminster Unitarian Church

Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Howard, Minister Emerita: St. Paul's Universalist Church (Unitarian Universalist)