



Matt Gillard's Statement on Wednesday's events in Washington D.C.

The sad and tragic siege on our nation's capital building by the rioting mob on Wednesday is one of the most blatant acts of domestic terror that our country has ever seen. The political rhetoric and divisiveness in our society should be alarming to everyone and is not productive for anyone other than self-serving opportunistic politicians. Nonetheless, the swift action taken by Congress to quickly come together and continue the business of certifying the 2020 Presidential Election, shows the ability of our political system to persevere and accomplish what is necessary. Now, more than ever, is the time for all public servants to unite by continuing to forge ahead, abide by their respective oaths of office and work towards finding solutions to the many problems all of our communities at-home face, which includes serving the best interests of our most vulnerable children, youth and families.

Despite all of the obvious challenges the last year presented, one of the many observations and outcomes we witnessed in 2020 was our resolve to unite together to serve the needs and interests of the greater good - especially among our community of advocates. If we continue to forge ahead as a united front, I know we will be able to continue to defend ourselves and the values we hold dear against the threats we currently face, whether it be the Covid-19 pandemic, threats to our way of life and democracy, or anything else.

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