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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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#### **NDAAs AND MAPA RESPONSE TO YESTERDAY'S EVENTS IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys joins in and supports the attached statement from the National District Attorneys Association.

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# NATIONAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

January 6, 2021

## **National District Attorneys Association Statement on Preserving Democracy and the Rule of Law**

ARLINGTON, Virginia –In our Nation’s capital today, the rule of law on which this great country was founded was ignored, flaunted and violated. The National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) calls on our political leaders to support the rule of law and assist Federal, State, and local law enforcement in maintaining order, supporting peaceful protests and in protecting the citizens of Washington, DC and Congressional lawmakers as they perform their Constitutional obligation. NDAA, the oldest and largest prosecutor organization with more than 5,000 members representing over two thirds of the state and local prosecutors’ offices, stands first and foremost for the rule of law. Today’s inexcusable threats against our democracy and peaceful transition of power should be condemned by leaders in both political parties as they uphold the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America.

Our members recognize and uphold the right of American citizens to peacefully assemble and protest. However, those who choose violence and intimidation to undermine our democratic institutions should be held accountable. We are thankful to our Federal, State, and local law enforcement partners as they work to restore order and address any and all forces that threaten our democracy. The Nation’s prosecutors call on all Americans to come together to support the peaceful transition of power and the continued shared success of our Republic.

*Formed in 1950, NDAA is the oldest and largest national organization representing state and local prosecutors in the country. With more than 5,000 members representing over two thirds of the state and local prosecutors’ offices, NDAA is recognized as the leading source of national expertise on the prosecution function and is a valuable resource for the media, academia, government, and community leaders. NDAA’s mission is to provide state and local prosecutors with the knowledge, skills, and support they need to ensure that justice is done and that public safety rights are protected.*

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