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The National Latino Evangelical Denounces The Attack On The U.S. Capitol

Washington, DC/ Orlando, FL: This week Americans and people around the world witnessed a violent insurgence on the U.S. Capitol. In October and in the weeks leading to the 2020 national elections, The National Latino Evangelical Coalition (NALEC), released a national press release and prayer call for a free, fair, and safe elections and for all to respect the results of the elections. This week's insurrection is sadly emblematic of polarization and a growing lack of civility in our nation. The National Latino Evangelical Coalition (NALEC) denounces the violence at the U.S. Capitol as well as any rhetoric by President Trump and elected officials that contributed to these events. Without question, this attack was immoral, abhorrent, illegal, and completely unacceptable.

The mob at the Capitol was prompted by leaders which utilized unproven conspiracy theories to maintain political power. As Christians, we cannot in any way endorse or remain silent when the rhetoric of elected public servants, including President Trump, fuels the violent actions of a mob. While we always support peaceful protests, we do not condone violent attempts to usurp our elections. Moreover, we are mindful of the disparity of treatment of protestors too often rooted in racism. We cannot and should not sacrifice truth at the altar of political expediency or in pursuit of political power.

As Christians we are called to build-bridges and contribute to peacemaking. We who follow Jesus, The Prince of Peace, cannot stand idly by as citizens use violence to overturn elections. The events in the U.S. Capitol, are in no way reflective of the higher angels of our national character. We encourage our Latino Evangelical communities to join the national prayer efforts of many for a peaceful transfer of power. We call on our pastors to promote prayer and call for healing and civility as we lead up to a presidential transition in the days to come.

The National Latino Evangelical Coalition (NALEC) is a national network of Hispanic evangelical pastors, leaders, congregations, and not-for-profits committed to Gospel-centered renewal and the common good.
