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Dear Senator/Congressperson,

Given the reprehensible actions of President Donald Trump who on January 6, 2021 advocated for the interruption of our federal democratic electoral proceedings and whose lack of action in demanding the immediate removal of all rioters from the United States Capitol led to further violence, we, the members of the Native American International Caucus of the United Methodist Church, urge the courageous and immediate action necessary to safeguard the security of our democratic government by removing him from office at the earliest date possible by whatever legal means available.

We deplore the lack of leadership in the highest offices of the land that has placed in jeopardy the safety of our legally elected Representatives, their staff, employees of the U.S. Capitol Building, and law enforcement personnel from multiple sources who were required to intervene in this insurrection.

The 2016 United Methodist Social Principles state, "We hold governments responsible for the rights of the people to free and fair elections...Governments and laws should be servants of God and human beings. Citizens have a duty to abide by laws duly adopted by an orderly and just process of government. But governments, no less than individuals, are subject to the judgment of God...Respect for law should be shown by refraining from violence..." (Paragraph: The Political Community).

As we watched in horror on January 6, 2021, it was clear that the treatment and actions taken against these rioters were in complete contrast to the actions taken against peaceful protesters across the United States who demonstrated for racial justice throughout 2020. We also clearly remember the horrific and violent actions of water cannons in freezing temperatures, rubber bullets, and chemical agents used against the Peaceful Water Protectors at the Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota in 2016. The Leadership of this Nation must stand for equal rights and justice for all, not just their supporters.

We strongly urge you to initiate the censoring of all Congresspersons who contributed to this assault on our Nation's people and Capitol, resulting in multiple deaths, personal harm, physical damage, and a threat to our democratic process. Additionally, we encourage the leadership of the US Congress to take corrective, disciplinary and/or legal action with any elected officials who participated in criminal activity in this incidence.

Signed,
The Members of the Native American International Caucus
of the United Methodist Church