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Statement From Columbus Partnership President and CEO Alex R. Fischer

The violent riots at the United States Capitol and the campaign of misinformation that catalyzed them were an attack on the principles unique to American democracy. We condemn this insurrection, and we reject the false pretenses under which it occurred.

The U.S. Congress, undeterred, safely returned to session and certified the election of Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and Kamala D. Harris.

President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris deserve our respect, our support, and a peaceful and orderly transition to their duly elected offices, won based on the votes cast by a record number of Americans.

As business and community leaders, we hold ourselves accountable to one another. We aspire to uphold the values of the Columbus Way, anchoring ourselves to the pursuit of common good. And we call on every political leader, at every level of government, to do what so many have not in recent years: Reach across the aisle, lead with civility, and help the U.S. be a model example for the world.

Now, more than ever, we must work together to address the urgent issues of public health, social injustice and economic crisis facing our country and our region. Let us all use this dark moment in U.S. history to demonstrate unity and collaboration.

Anything less is unacceptable.

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