

January 13, 2021

ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL CONDEMNS ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today joined a bipartisan coalition of 50 states, territories, and the District of Columbia, in sending a letter to Acting U.S. Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen condemning the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol, and stating such actions cannot be allowed to go unchecked.

"The criminal attack on our democracy on January 6 was horrific and unacceptable," Raoul said. "This country has always served as a beacon of democracy, and last week, rioters threatened that democracy. Regardless of one's political ideology, we should all recognize that these criminal actions cannot go unchecked. Those who participated in the violence at the Capitol must be held fully accountable under the law."

[The letter](#) reads:

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"Thank you for your consideration of and work on this crucial priority."

Joining Raoul in the letter are the attorneys general of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Northern Mariana Islands, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.



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January 12, 2021

The Honorable Jeffrey A. Rosen
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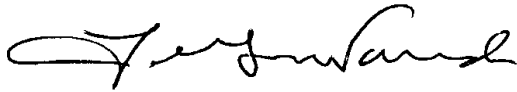
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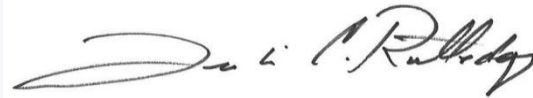
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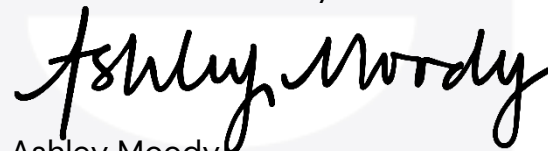
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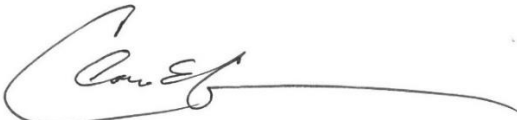
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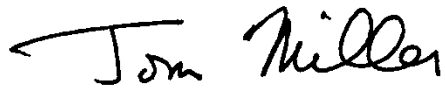
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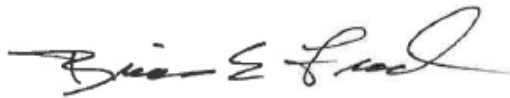
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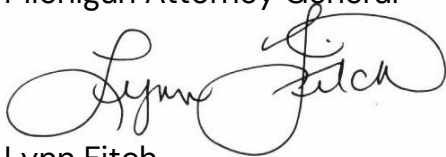
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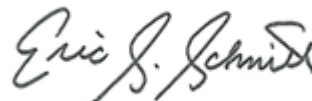
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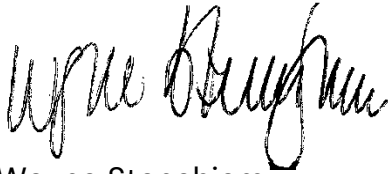
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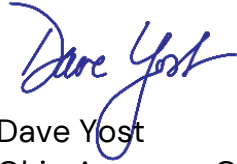
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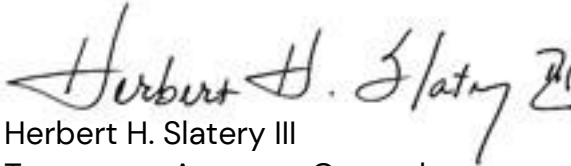
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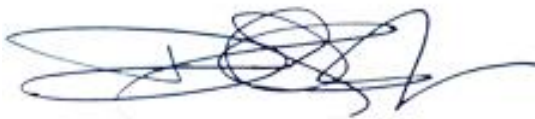
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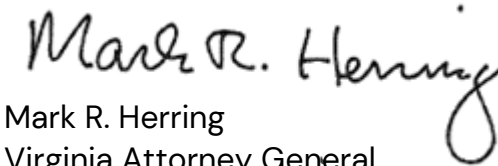
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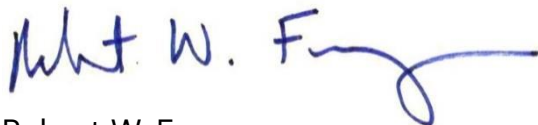
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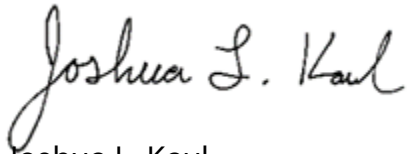
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