

Rep. Brostoff: Joint statement on the one-year anniversary of the Capitol insurrection

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MILWAUKEE – In recognition of the one-year anniversary of the January 6, 2021 insurrection at the US Capitol inspired by former President Trump’s lies, State Representatives Jonathan Brostoff (D-Milwaukee), Dora Drake (D-Milwaukee), Francesca Hong (D-Madison), Christine Sinicki (D-Milwaukee), Lee Snodgrass (D-Appleton), and Samba Baldeh (D-Madison) and State Senators Chris Larson (D-Milwaukee), LaTonya Johnson (D-Milwaukee), and Kelda Roys (D-Madison) released the following statement:

“One year ago today, domestic extremists inspired by President Trump attacked the US Capitol, the first such attack in our nation’s history. Goaded on by the President’s lies about election fraud, the willingness by certain Congressional Republicans to play along with the President’s evil aims, and the overwhelming silence of altogether too many other Republicans at every level of government, hundreds of insurrectionists broke down windows and doors, threatened the lives of law enforcement and sitting lawmakers of both parties, and desecrated the halls of one of the most sacred spaces of American democracy.

Today, we must not only mark the terrible anniversary of this attack on our American democratic values, but we must recognize that many of those who inflamed the passions that led to this attack remain unrepentant. In fact, many *continue* to center lies and conspiracies in our national discourse, and undermine the very nature of our system of government.

On this awful day, we call upon each and every one of our Republican colleagues, at every level of government, to make it very clear where they stand: whether with

democracy, or with President Trump and the seeds of American fascism. To those who believe in the results of the 2020 election but remain silent: abandon cowardice, and do your duty. Stand up for truth and our American ideals. Live up to your oaths of office, and defend our Constitution against all enemies, foreign *and* domestic. And to those who spread lies and live in the shadows of evil: resign your positions. Your willingness to aid and abet the enemies of democracy makes you a disgrace to elected office, and unfit to serve.

Today is not a day to mince words. It is a day to loudly and proudly declare our faith and belief in this system that has stood strong for over two hundred years. Today is a day to recommit ourselves to truth, democracy, and the American way.”