

Rep. Neubauer: Reflecting on one year since the U.S. Capitol attack

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MADISON – Rep. Greta Neubauer (D-Racine) released the following statement reflecting on the one-year anniversary of the January 6th, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.:

“Today marks one year since the Capitol insurrection in Washington, D.C., in which supporters of former President Trump stormed Congress in a violent attempt to stop the lawful certification of the Presidential election.”

“As a nation, we have always held the peaceful transition of power to be sacred. January 6th, 2021 seriously threatened that tradition, the result of an intentional effort by former President Trump and the Republican party to overturn a free and fair election.

“In the year following this shocking attack, I had hoped to see our nation come together to protect our democracy. Instead, we have seen Republican legislators and public officials double down on Trump’s efforts to rewrite the history of January 6th, spread misinformation, and destabilize our electoral systems. Across the country and here in Wisconsin, Republicans are laying the groundwork to undermine and dissolve independent agencies and seize control of future elections so they can overturn results they do not like.”

“It is clear that these attacks on our democracy are no longer fringe positions within the Republican party. Whether Republicans truly believe Trump’s lies and conspiracy theories or they are making calculated political choices, those who continue in efforts to destabilize our government must be held accountable.

“The people of Wisconsin want the right to vote and believe in the rule of law.

Partisan politicians shouldn't be rigging our elections, and they certainly shouldn't have the power to throw out or determine the results of our elections.

“We are in a critical moment, as a state and as a nation. We cannot look away — we must raise the alarm about these efforts to undermine the basic functions of our democracy. We must come together — regardless of our political affiliation — and work to reinforce the core foundations of our nation's government.”