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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING
U.S. CAPITOL RIOT**

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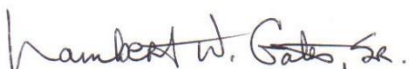
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The illegal and unconstitutional behavior that took place this week at the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., was inconceivable and inexcusable, and was in fact, an act of domestic terrorism. The hypocrisy and wickedness encouraged and displayed by our current administration this week and in these last four years have brought shame and peril upon our country.

In these critical times, it is our responsibility as Christians to pray for and display unity. The Bible teaches us in these ways: *Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace* (Eph. 4:3); and, *Those who make peace sow the seeds of justice by their peaceful acts* (James 3:18 CEB).

As we unite in Spirit, let us pray for the United States of America and its leadership, both outgoing and incoming, that it will be able to move and act with wisdom, authority, and integrity. Let us pray for racial harmony and peace throughout our land. Let us pray for the families of those who lost their lives this week and everyone who was adversely impacted. Finally, let us cry out to God for a great healing and deliverance from this horrific coronavirus pandemic that continues to surge throughout the world.

I love you all with the love of Christ!



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