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NYS Indivisible Statement on January 6th Sedition

NEW YORK — In response to the insurrection at the Capitol at the incitement of President Donald Trump with the encouragement and support from four New York State Representatives:

On Wednesday, January 6th, violent insurrectionists stormed the Capitol for the first time since the War of 1812. This attempted coup put legislators, congressional and building staff, and journalists in grave danger. Five people died, and many more were injured. The violent mob was motivated by certifiable lies and conspiracy theories that were sown and amplified by the outgoing President of the United States, Donald Trump, along with numerous elected members of the Republican Party. The President and his allies in Congress incited violent action in an attempt to overturn the will of the people.

Congress was attacked and now Congress must act. Anyone who was involved in encouraging and abetting these domestic terrorists must be held responsible. Unfortunately, members of Congress themselves supported and enabled this seditious attack, including four members of the New York delegation. They joined in this effort, making a mockery of democracy by embracing fascist and white supremacist rhetoric and voting to overturn the results of our free and fair election. These leaders lied repeatedly about the nature of our election system and made unfounded claims about election fraud in an effort to undermine and destroy our democracy. They have proven themselves unfit for office, and must resign immediately.

Indivisible organizations from across the State of New York hereby call for the resignation of the New York politicians complicit in the attack on the Capitol on January 6th, 2021:

Representative Lee Zeldin, NY-01 Representative Nicole Malliotakis, NY-11 Representative Elise Stefanik, NY-21 Representative Chris Jacobs, NY-27

Additionally, we support Representative Cori Bush's resolution to expel the seditious members of Congress who collaborated with the President to undermine the legitimacy of our democractic election results. The United States Constitution is clear on this point, stating, "no Person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress" who has "engaged in insurrection or rebellion against" the Constitution "or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof." These members claim to be patriots but instead have chosen to put one man, Donald Trump, and their own ambition above the nation. They are not patriots but seditionists and should be treated as such and surrender their power permanently. If they will not resign immediately, they should be expelled from Congress.

Signed,

East End Action Network, NY-01 Let's Visit Lee Zeldin, NY-01 Suffolk Progressives, NY-01

Fight Back Bay Ridge, NY-11 Staten Island Women Who March, NY-11

Adirondack Indivisible, NY-21 Change Through Action, NY-21 Indivisible Lowville, NY-21 NY-21 South Indivisible Group, NY-21 Strength Through Diversity, NY-21

Citizens for Real Leadership, NY-27 Holland (Willow) Indivisible, NY-27 Indivisible NY-27th, NY-27

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