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Speaker of the House Rusty Bowers (R-25)

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Statement on Violence at U.S. Capitol Building

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – House Speaker Rusty Bowers and Majority Leader Ben Toma together issued the following statement denouncing the violent and unlawful protests today at the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, DC.

“In America, we respect and honor the fundamental right to expression and protest so long as it is done so peacefully. However, the behavior that occurred today at the U.S. Capitol Building was anything but. It was a despicable and dangerous assault on the very heart of representative government that cannot be tolerated or excused in a civil society.

“We should all revisit the wisdom of Abraham Lincoln whose words of hope resonate still, in this and many other contexts: ‘We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.’”

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