



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' INITIATIVE STATEMENT ON THE BREACH OF THE U.S. CAPITOL

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ARIZONA- President Baca, vice-president Jones, and board member Jamescita Peshlakai issued the following statement regarding the United States Capitol's breach.

President Baca stated, "Today, our democracy and the United States came under assault. The people who breached the U.S. Capitol are not representative of who we are. They are domestic terrorists. They are dedicated to lawlessness, chaos, and disorder.

I am saddened by the events that have transpired today. This is un-American and unpatriotic. The event shows us just how divided we are against partly lines and racial ones. If this situation is not handled correctly, it will have the ability to create an immense chasm within our nation. I urge everyone to have decency, respect, and kindness towards fellow Americans. The future of our country depends on how we choose to handle this moment in our history."

Vice-president Jones stated, "day's events showcased the immense division in our country. Ignoring the democratic process and using violence and intimidation to get one's way is unacceptable. These actions are truly disappointing; however, it is the difference between how this "protest" was treated in comparison to the BLM protests that angered me the most. This indeed shows how America favors its white citizens."

Board Member Senator Peshlakai Stated, "Today's events at our nation's capitol is unacceptable. I offer my prayers for those caught amid the chaos. Justice must prevail for not just our country but the world.