



**A Statement from Center for Elder Law & Justice CEO,
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I join all Americans in our condemnation of the insurgency against the Capitol on January 6th. I watched in disbelief as I saw the images of armed rioters breaking windows, invading the building and endangering the lives our elected representatives and others. As many have said already, these were not peaceful protestors; they were domestic terrorists. If you told me when I was a young law student in the late 1980's that this could happen in American, I would not have believed you. My heart breaks for our country.

This did not occur in a vacuum. For many years, there have been individuals fanning the flames of violence, attacking our free press and creating an alternative reality. Those that encouraged this violence must be held just as accountable for it as those that participated in-person. We cannot allow those politicians (many of whom also are lawyers) to whitewash what they have done that led us here. Please never forget the images you saw over the last 24 hours.

Despite my sadness, I am hopeful after hearing soon-to-be Attorney General Merrick Garland yesterday. In the words of our President-Elect, "This team will move us closer to the American ideal of Equal Justice under the Law. They will work to restore independence of the Justice Department, always follow facts and the law, and serve the American people with integrity."

Better days are ahead, my friends. Stay hopeful.

Karen

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