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A Resolution Condemning the Capitol Hill Riot Instigated by President Trump on January 6th, 2021

A bill for the consideration of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government

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Whereas, on January 6, 2021, the world watched in horror and disbelief as anti-democratic white supremacists stormed America's Capitol Building in Washington D.C., vandalized public property, shed blood, and forever damaged the American political landscape. A total of five people died as a result of this unforgettable occurrence.¹ Numerous politicians and community leaders across the country and the world swiftly condemned the events, and more importantly, condemned outgoing President Donald Trump and his enablers for directly instigating mob rule;² and,

Whereas, the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government at the University of Michigan, a non-partisan organization at the University of Michigan which seeks to elevate the voices of the student body on and off campus, wholly believes in the ideals of democracy and peaceful protest as a means of public advocacy and the exercising of our ideals granted to the citizens of this country through the United States Constitution and subsequent amendments.

Be it therefore resolved, that the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government does not condemn the personal political positions of students and administration, but rather that we condemn all those who seek to subvert our American democracy and wish to advocate for the needless destruction of property and human life for their own personal and political gains; and,

Be it further resolved, that the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government thoroughly condemns the actions perpetrated by supporters of President Trump, the believers of the QAnon conspiracy theory, and all other criminals who sought to disrupt and overturn our democratic republic by besieging the U.S. Capitol building, destroying public property, and seeking harm against our elected officials. We believe those who participated in this insurrection and broke the law should be prosecuted through the fullest extent under the law; and,

Be it finally resolved, that the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government also stands in solidarity with peaceful protesters who have correctly exercised their First Amendment right to assemble and have been disgusted by the actions of both the rioters and some members of law enforcement on January 6th. We empathize with those who participated in the Black Lives Matter protests

¹ <https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/capitol-riot-death-toll-rises-to-5-police-hunt-for-suspects/2534406/>

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<https://www.usatoday.com/in-depth/news/2021/01/06/dc-protests-capitol-riot-trump-supporters-electoral-college-stole-n-election/6568305002/>

of the summer of 2020, who understandably believe that there our criminal justice system is broken and there remains significant racial bias within police forces in the United States after the events that unfolded on and before January 6th, 2021.