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Easthampton Mayor Decries Attacks on the U.S. Capitol and Cities as Incited Insurrection

Easthampton, MA — Mayor Nicole LaChapelle issued the following statement on the organized insurrection by extremists upon the U.S. Capitol and cities across the country:

“The insurrections in Washington, D.C. and cities around the nation were clearly incited by the sitting U.S. President: a person under oath to uphold the U.S. Constitution and protect our democracy. The filing of an Article of Impeachment today by the House of Representatives correctly focuses on the President’s violating this oath by inciting violence against the government of the United States.

The brazen and unnerving attacks were led by dangerous extremists, waving the flags of hate symbols and organizations. Those in government and law enforcement who did not act to counter these insurrections aided and abetted violence against our democracy. The extremists and all those who aided their efforts in any way must be brought to justice.

The call for further insurrection during the Presidential Inauguration on January 20 is nothing short of premeditated domestic terrorism, driven by hate. I plead for our state and federal leaders to condemn and thwart these insurrectionists.

The United States of America is indeed an imperfect union, built on the fragile but inspiring promise of democracy and equity for all. After the actions of January 6, 2021, we must commit ourselves fully to ensuring that promise is upheld.”

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