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To the President and the Members of FMC

Former Members of Congress – US

Dear President of the FMC, Honorable Colleagues, Dear Friends

On behalf of the Association of Former Members of Parliament of the Italian Republic, we would like to convey our deeply felt support and proximity at this difficult time in the life of your country and its legislative branch. We share the concerns and hopes that you expressed.

We have appreciated the firmness with which the elected representatives of the American people immediately reaffirmed the full powers of the legislative branch by continuing their work and proclaiming the new elected President of the United States.

We also witnessed with dismay and incredulity the assault on the Congress, meeting in the Capitol building, by an unruly and violent mob set on preventing through force the ratification of the result of the presidential elections.

The desecration of the site where democracy represents the plurality and unity of the people that are at the foundation of the American nation has deeply shocked us.

No political confrontation, no matter how bitter and no matter its rationale, can justify such blatant excesses.

The attack on parliamentary institutions and the contempt for those who represent them, particularly when encouraged by the highest office in the country, fuel hatred and divisions and hamper the possibility of addressing the towering challenges facing our societies today.

We are concerned by the divisions in our societies and the growing lack of understanding and tolerance that characterize so many of them, both in the United States and in Europe. Democratic forces, regardless of party affiliation, share a common responsibility to try to recompose dangerous fractures and to rebuild a common basis for dialogue and understanding. We share your hope that Joe Biden's presidency can mend and strengthen the strong fabric of American democracy, which remains a beacon for all of us. In the face of so many challenges and perilous ideologies, we harbor no doubts on which side of history we shall stand.

With most Kind regards,

Antonello Falomi
