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To: Our honorable colleagues and Members of the Brazilian National Congress, the Administration, congressional staff, security personnel, citizens of Brazil, and all those who believe in and dedicate themselves to democracy.

As the leadership of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress, we want to steadfastly confirm that we stand united and in full support of your democracy and we renounce any violent or destructive attacks against your public servants or institutions. Respecting the results of free and fair elections, and honoring the peaceful transition of power, are the bedrock of our mutual democratic nations. Events like those that took place in your nation on January 8th of this year, and in our own nation on January 6th of 2021, have no place in a civilized democracy.

We have pledged our personal and organization commitment to civility and to non-violent resolution of differences and we commend and support all those in your government and citizenry who share in that commitment. On this important date of commemoration, please know that as former elected officials ourselves, and as enduring friends of democracy and Brazil, we know and trust that you will emerge from recent events with an even stronger shared commitment to sustaining and advancing your democratic institutions.

In the name of all that is essential to sustaining democratic values and institutions, we stand in solidarity and support.

Sincerely,

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Aos nossos ilustres colegas e Membros do Congresso Nacional, da Administração, dos parlamentares, da segurança, cidadãos brasileiros e de todos aqueles que acreditam e se dedicam à democracia.

Como liderança da Associação de Ex-Membros do Congresso dos EUA, queremos afirmar firmemente que estamos unidos e apoiamos totalmente sua democracia e renunciamos a qualquer ataque violento e destrutivo contra seus servidores ou instituições públicas. Respeitar os resultados de eleições livres e justas e honrar a transição pacífica de poder são os alicerces mútuos de nossas nações democráticas. Eventos como os que ocorreram em seu país em 8 de janeiro deste ano e em nosso próprio país em 6 de janeiro de 2021 não têm lugar em uma democracia civilizada.

Assumimos nosso compromisso pessoal e organizacional com a civilidade e com a resolução não violenta de diferenças e elogiamos e apoiamos todos aqueles em seu governo e cidadãos que compartilham desse compromisso. Nesta importante data de comemoração, saiba que, como ex-autoridades eleitas, e como amigos de longa data da democracia e do Brasil, sabemos e confiamos que vocês emergirão dos eventos recentes com um compromisso compartilhado ainda mais forte de sustentar e promover suas instituições democráticas.

Em nome de tudo o que é essencial para sustentar os valores e instituições democráticas, nos solidarizamos e apoiamos.

Sinceramente,

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