

Statement from DACOR on the events at the Capitol on January 6, 2021:

As a non-partisan organization of foreign affairs professionals, DACOR has many members who have sworn to support and defend the U.S. Constitution and served under presidents of both parties in diplomatic posts around the world. We have promoted democracy and the rule of law in many countries and cited the United States as the exemplar of political development. Our members have also been posted in dictatorships and autocracies, and lived through terror attacks, violent coups and the imposition of martial law. We were thus especially shocked and dismayed to see the violent attack on our democratic processes which occurred on January 6 at the Capitol Building. Many of us had the same reaction: We've seen this before in other countries but never thought we would see it here in the United States. It is now vital that we complete a peaceful and orderly transition to the new administration. This is essential not only for our own domestic political stability but also for our ability to successfully conduct diplomacy around the world and allow our diplomats to effectively present our democracy as a model to other nations. Our nation has suffered a severe blow to its reputation around the globe. We are committed to working with the new administration and the new Congress to begin the process of restoring our international standing.

