Washington, DC – Wednesday, January 6, 2021 – Today, the National Task Force on Election Crises released the following statement in response to the current violence occurring in the U.S. Capitol:

“Today’s violence will never change the results of the presidential election, lead to a second term for President Donald Trump, or interfere with the transfer of power to the Biden Administration. Protest is a fundamental right, violence and mob activity is not - particularly when the goal is to hinder the working of our democratic institutions. Attempting to hinder the peaceful transfer of power and deliberations of the U.S. Congress is fundamentally un-American. The Constitution remains the supreme law of the land and clearly lays out the process for counting the electoral votes in the Twelfth Amendment and that the current terms of the President and Vice President unequivocally end at noon on January 20th. We must respect the rule of law and law enforcement authorities need to make sure Congress can do its work.”

About the National Task Force on Election Crises

The mission of the cross-partisan National Task Force on Election Crises is to ensure a free and fair 2020 election by recommending responses to a range of election crises. The Task Force is a diverse group of more than 50 experts in election law, election administration, national security, cybersecurity, voting rights, civil rights, technology, media, public health, and emergency response. A full list of the Task Force members can be found here and you can follow the Task Force on Twitter and Facebook.

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