

Fellow Rams,

Regarding the events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021:

I address you with a heavy heart and serious concern for the health of our democracy and our Nation. We are the stewards of our democratic process and the violence on January 6 is an example of evil, hatred, and recklessness that endangered our democracy and Nation. I am haunted by the images of the insurrectionists who held a confederate flag in the rotunda of our Capitol, which has not been breached since 1814. January 6, 2021 will never be forgotten. We stand in solidarity with the 5 individuals who lost their lives, 2 of whom were killed while defending our Capitol.

The Associated Students of Colorado State University (ASCSU) formally condemns these acts of violence and hatred, and we stand with those who are fighting to preserve the health and trust in our electoral process. ASCSU Leadership stands and reiterates that free and fair elections are the foundation of civic progress, and ASCSU strongly condemns the storming of the Capitol building, a blatant attempt to hijack and violate Congress' constitutional responsibility to tabulate and certify electoral votes from each state.

This is a formal expression that ASCSU will continue to uphold principles of proper governance, we will fight for voices of all identities, we will condemn acts that violate the democratic process, and we will empower those who are deepening their understanding of the civic process. We support groups like the Straayer Center for Public Service Leadership, the Center for Public Deliberation, New Era CSU, and all of the other organizations that are exemplifying true civic engagement and democratic growth.

I invite my fellow Rams to stop and reflect on this historic tragedy. Take stock of this moment and find peace amidst the chaos. Whatever brings you rest, pursue it. Trust in the fact that our institutions and our Republic will continue to rebuild, respond, and carry out swift justice for those who endangered our democracy and Nation.

In solidarity,

Christian Dykson  
50th Speaker of the ASCSU Senate



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