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**Joint Statement from Maui County Mayor Michael Victorino and
Maui County Council Chair Alice Lee
Condemning Today's Violence in Washington, D.C.**

On behalf of the County of Maui, we jointly condemn today's violent protests in the nation's Capitol. As we watch the turmoil in our nation's capital, we in Maui County remain committed to peaceful protest and the peaceful transition of power, which are hallmarks of our American democracy.

The actions of these protestors are in direct opposition to Hawaii's values that honor many people working together in the Spirit of Aloha. American Democracy is built upon a foundation of checks and balances. We believe that disagreement is a healthy and normal part of our political process. Every American has the right to agree or disagree with policy decisions, but nobody has the right to overturn the people's choice in a fair and lawful election.

Mayor Victorino, his administration, Council Chair Lee and members of the Maui County Council are united in welcoming criticism of all levels of government, especially as we face unprecedented challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic. We are equally dedicated to the values of mutual respect, civil debate, and public safety.

Together we call for aloha in our hearts, peace on our streets, and respect in our words as we navigate these challenging times together.

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