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The Delaware County Commissioners were appalled at the events that transpired on Wednesday afternoon at the United States Capitol Building. The Commissioners strongly condemn violence as a solution or method for public discourse. The actions of those individuals that stormed the Capitol and went inside to ransack, steal items or just pose to promote their lawlessness can never be viewed as "patriotic". The events of Wednesday in Washington DC do not equate in any rational thought with the struggle to break the yoke of tyranny.

Unfortunately, there are some in society that want to view the actions of this insurrection as some type of noble venture and they could not be more wrong. Even local elected officials that want to view the events of Wednesday with anything less than full condemnation are in error.

Each elected official must make their own decisions and be held accountable for their own opinions by the electorate. The Board of Commissioners take exception to any official that participated either directly or tacitly by statements in the antics of Wednesday. However, the County Commissioners, under Indiana law, do not have the authority to rebuke, censor or remove any duly elected official for their insensitivity or remarks. That power, rightfully, only rests with the voters.

The Commissioners do not stand with any view or opinion of the events at the US Capitol Building that does not condemn or vilify the actions of those insurrectionists. The Commissioners have promoted and insist that public discourse be respectful, courteous and peaceful. The Commissioners fully support an exchange of ideas, but done in a manner that is civil.

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