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IUOE Condemns Attack on American Democracy

WASHINGTON, DC – *James T. Callahan, General President of the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), issued the following statement on the riot at the U.S. Capitol and attempts to subvert democracy:*

“The attack on our Capitol by a mob of rioters, supported and cheered on by some who swore an oath to protect and defend our democracy, is an affront to all who have served and sacrificed for our nation. These were not the actions of patriots, rather they were dangerous and disgraceful acts of political extremists.

Leading this insurrection were President Trump and his allies. For weeks, Trump has trafficked in lies and conspiracy theories to deny the legitimate outcome of the election. The truth is he lost both the Electoral College and popular vote in a free and fair election. His reprehensible actions culminating in yesterday’s tragic events should disqualify him from holding public office one day longer.

Despite the terror and damage inflicted upon “the people’s house,” the foundations of our democracy remain solid. Undaunted, House and Senate lawmakers finished their work and certified the presidential electoral vote for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris.

The Operating Engineers look forward to working with the Biden Administration and beginning the critical work of rebuilding our infrastructure, safely bringing an end to the COVID-19 crisis and remaking our economy to lift all working families into the American middle class. We can and we will build back better.”

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The International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) represents over 400,000 working people across the United States and Canada. Members of the IUOE are primarily operating engineers, who work as heavy equipment and crane operators, pipeliners, mechanics, and surveyors in the construction industry, and stationary engineers, who work in operations and maintenance in building and industrial complexes, as well as a number of job classifications in the petrochemical industry.