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Hunterdon County Commissioners Statement On Violence At the U.S. Capitol Building on January 6th

Like most Americans, the Hunterdon County Board of County Commissioners is as disappointed and saddened by the violence at the U.S. Capitol yesterday, as we were by the violence and destruction that occurred in cities around the nation during the summer.

The Hunterdon County Board supports the right of all Americans to peacefully gather and exercise their 1st Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.

However, the Board went on record strongly condemning acts of violence and destruction of personal and public property in cities throughout the nation during the summer and does so again now.

There are no 'good reasons' for these acts that often end tragically.

We must look to the belief in our democracy and remember that there is much that unites us as Americans.

In the coming days and months, we must work together to defeat COVID-19, reopen our economy, and restore respect for our laws and each other, even when we disagree.

May we aspire to what President Ronald Reagan once emphasized, "America is a shining city upon a hill, whose beacon light guides freedom-loving people everywhere."