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## IFPTE Condemns Insurrection Attempt on U.S. Capitol Trump and supporters aim to overthrow the Presidential election

WASHINGTON, DC – The International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers (IFPTE) issued the following statement in response to the insurrection attempt by President Trump and his supporters today at the United States Capitol.

"IFPTE categorically condemns the violent act of insurrection by President Trump and thousands of his supporters. The blame falls clearly with President Trump himself, and his enablers in Congress, who have instigated and encouraged today's seditious actions. The people who stormed and took control of our historic Capitol destroyed property, took over offices, and took over chambers of Congress itself, while staff and members were escorted to secure areas to protect their lives. IFPTE further understands that one person was shot and has tragically succumbed to her injuries".

"Make no mistake about it, this is a transparent effort to overturn a presidential election. It is a culmination of many attempts to undermine our Democracy and prevent our Democratically elected President-Elect from assuming office on January 20th. These people are not 'protestors', they are domestic terrorists and should be treated as such in the eyes of the law. The United States does not bow to domestic terrorism."

"IFPTE calls on Vice President Pence to exercise the 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment and move to immediately have President Trump removed from office. Furthermore, and as soon as it is safe to do so, IFPTE encourages Congress to finish their work and certify the Presidential election."

IFPTE is a labor union representing upwards of 90,000 federal, public, and private sector workers in the United States and Canada.

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