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**Simington Condemns Capitol Violence, Urges Peaceful Transition**

WASHINGTON, DC, January 7, 2021—Today, Commissioner Nathan Simington condemned the violence that occurred yesterday at the U.S. Capitol, and urged all Americans to work together towards a peaceful transfer of administrative power on January 20, 2021, to President-elect Joe Biden.

Commissioner Simington embraced the gift of U.S. citizenship—a choice made in appreciation for the traditions of vigorous, peaceful engagement that have characterized the nation’s 230 years of constitutional governance.

“I look forward to working in the public interest with my colleagues Commissioners Carr, Rosenworcel, and Starks, as well as the President-elect’s new nominee,” Commissioner Simington stated. “Our mandate at the Commission is to work for the benefit of all Americans. Should we disagree on some issues, we would do well to remember Thomas Jefferson’s words at the time of another presidential transition, the first in which the Administration changed parties: ‘…every difference of opinion is not a difference of principle. We have called by different names brethren of the same principle.’”

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