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The CCCBA Board of Directors has approved the following public statement about recent events at the US Capitol:

The Contra Costa County Bar Association condemns in the strongest terms the lawless siege on the Capitol and our duly elected representatives on January 6, 2021. The invasion of the halls of Congress was an affront to the rule of law and justice. As lawyers, we believe that the right to protest and petition our government is fundamental to our democracy. The violent assault on our Capitol on January 6, 2021 was not a protest. It was, simply put, an attempted armed insurrection against our democracy. Those who committed the seditious acts in the Capitol should be identified and prosecuted to the full extent of the law. We are grateful that Congress returned to its work for the people by certifying the election of the duly elected leaders. We are committed to protecting our democracy and the rule of law.