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MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WHO VOTED TO OVERTURN THE 2020
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

OREGON



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CLIFF BENTZ (R-OR-02)

Member, House Natural Resources Committee; Member, House Judiciary Committee

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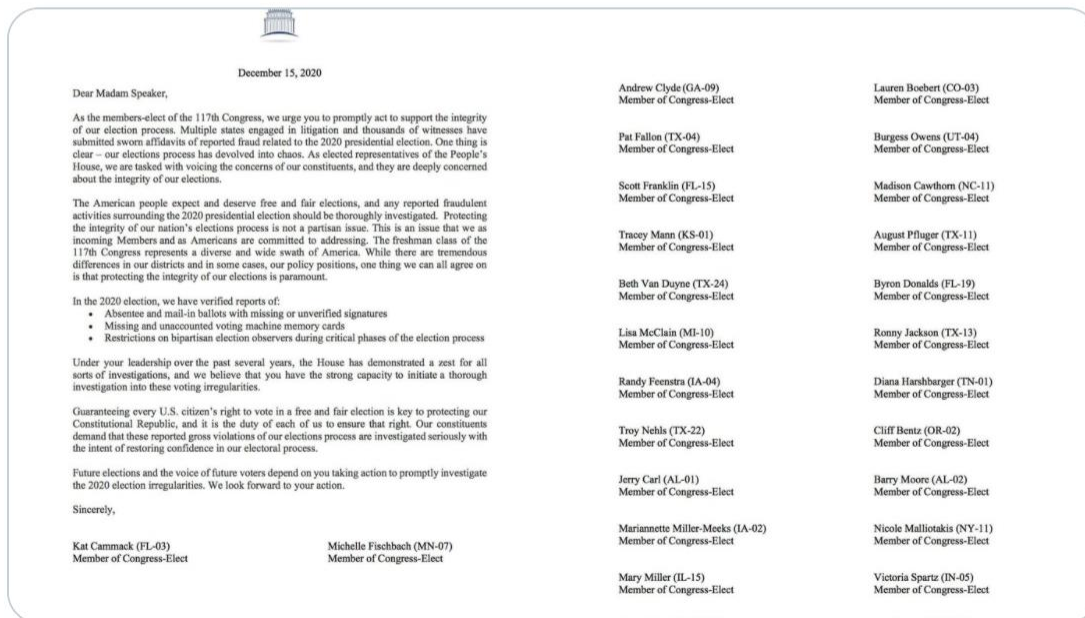
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Cliff Bentz ✓
@CliffBentz



I have joined many of my colleagues in asking for a congressional investigation and review into what has happened in states where election irregularities have been observed.



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POST-INSURRECTION –

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Here is my statement on the Electoral College certification votes that took place yesterday and today. bit.ly/3bhVN7d

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January 7, 2021 | **Press Release**

Congressman Cliff Bentz of Oregon's Second Congressional District released the following statement regarding the recent events at the United States Capitol and the Electoral College certification process in Congress.

"The violent events that took place yesterday on the Capitol grounds are a stain on the history of our country. There is absolutely no excuse for protests to turn into riots, and I condemn the actions of the rioters in the strongest terms possible. I call on all Americans to choose peaceful protests over violence, chaos, and anarchy. I commend Capitol Police for their brave efforts to end yesterday's incident and enable Congress to return to our important work.

"As the Representative of Oregon's Second District, I am committed to listening to the opinions of my constituents, upholding the Constitution, and engaging in the deliberative process entrusted to the United States House of Representatives. I have heard many speak of distrust in the elections that were facilitated by several states. That is why I wrote to Speaker Nancy Pelosi last month, urging for a prompt and thorough congressional investigation into voting irregularities during the 2020 presidential election. So far, my request has fallen on deaf ears. Therefore, the duty has fallen on Congress to begin restoring faith in our representative form of government and to ensure the voice of the American people is heard through the Electoral College certification process.

"After seeking the opinions of constitutional experts, listening to my constituents, and many conversations with Members from the states in question, I cast my vote in support of the objection to the certification of the Electors from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In doing so, my goal was to protect the integrity of our elections and to prompt all states to uphold election laws as determined by their state legislatures – all in accordance with our Constitution.

"Article II of the Constitution sets forth that each state legislature is entrusted with the authority to establish and facilitate elections within that state. In Pennsylvania, the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the state's Supreme Court did not adhere to the statutes set forth by the legislature when they extended deadlines for the return of absentee ballots. This action violated the principles of Article II of the Constitution because the state legislature had not previously delegated broader authority to the Secretary. Ultimately, this change in voting procedures by a non-legislative body contributed to a widespread loss of faith by many Americans in the integrity of the 2020 election – including many in my district. Such a violation of our Constitution must be discouraged in the strongest terms possible.

"I could not support objections to the certification of Electors of any other state – including Arizona. Like many states in question, the Arizona legislature had in fact delegated broader authority to administer elections to other state and local agencies, and I found little evidence supporting an argument that Article II of the Constitution was violated.

"As we conclude the Electoral College certification process, we can accept that Joe Biden will be the next President of the United States. I am committed to a peaceful transfer of power, but I continue to empathize with those whose frustrations with the electoral system remain unresolved. I share their frustrations, and as the Representative of Oregon's Second District, I will do my best to address their concerns."



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Congressman Cliff Bentz ✓

@RepBentz



My statement on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the upcoming inauguration #OR02 #ORPol #MLKDay 
#MLKDay2021 

Violence is immoral because it thrives on hatred rather than love...violence ends up defeating itself. It creates bitterness in the survivors and brutality in the destroyers.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Congressman Bentz Statement on Martin Luther King Jr. Day

country observes Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we pay tribute to the incredible life and meaningful of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His peaceful calls for justice, during a time of great n in our nation appealed to the better angels of our nature and advanced the cause of freedom for who were being denied their constitutional and inalienable rights.

y ways, our country continues to work toward fulfilling the dream envisioned by Dr. King. There out that we must continue this work together, peacefully, as we should all issues confronting our ation. This year in particular, we are reminded that there can be no justice when those who claim it employ only violence and destruction.

gic events that took place at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, reflect what happens when ails and groups decide to resort to violence to achieve power. The outcome was disastrous. In the th, many have gone to jail. Many have, and will be fired from their jobs, as they pay a price for iminal actions. Violence against our democratic republic should not be tolerated.

have been many responses to the defilement of our Capitol, but particularly necessary is the need to l all Americans that our political process - while imperfect - works. It is the best system we have, lent actions to undermine it are illegal, ineffective, and unnecessary. We must prove that there are political solutions and that by working together we can achieve them.

his week, I will be attending the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect a Harris. I plan to do so, despite those who think I should not participate in this event. Notably, alls for protest by not attending are not unlike those that were made - and acted upon - by rats during the inauguration of President Donald Trump in 2017. I will not repeat their mistake. We lso prove, together, that we will make our systems of government more transparent, responsive, ountable to the people. This means addressing the widespread perception, right or wrong, that our ns systems are not working as well as they should.

lected Representative of Oregon's Second Congressional District, it has been my goal to restore nfidence. Moving forward, I am committed to increasing awareness of the election processes we 1 place in Oregon, working with others to correct imperfections in America's election systems, and 2 sure that every state's election process reflects the voice of the people and is consistent with our tution.

that both parties can come together around viable solutions to our biggest issues. We have done it and it is essential to the survival of our democracy. This work will not be easy, but if there ever lay to reconmit our nation to the belief that democracy advances the cause of liberty and justice - let it be on this special day recognizing the great Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Later this week, I will be attending the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris. I plan to do so, despite those who think I should not participate in this event. Notably, these calls for protest by not attending are not unlike those that were made - and acted upon - by democrats during the inauguration of President Donald Trump in 2017. I will not repeat their mistake. We must also prove, together, that we will make our systems of government more transparent, responsive, and accountable to the people. This means addressing the widespread perception, right or wrong, that our elections systems are not working as well as they should.

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