To: Business Leaders of the United States

Re: Call to Action - Protect American Democracy

On the heels of the one year anniversary of the January 6th Insurrection against American democracy, we - the undersigned business students - have watched with concern as business leaders largely remain silent and sidestep accountability for defending the integrity of American democratic institutions. We believe more courageous, active leadership is required.

We stand in solidarity with those business leaders who had the courage to take action against ongoing efforts - allegations that undermine election integrity, restrictions on voting access, and donations to public officials who support these actions - that corrode our democratic process.

Business has a critical role in protecting our democracy. We envision and expect a future where our future employers and business partners take action to:

1. Enable your employees to be civically engaged in this year's elections, such as by providing time off to vote, encouraging employees to volunteer as poll workers, and hosting voter registration drives.

2. Withhold financial support from elected officials in Congress and state capitols who deliberately undermine our democracy by bolstering unsubstantiated claims of fraud -- this includes the 8 Senators and 139 members of Congress who objected to the Electoral vote count in 2021.

3. Leverage your platform and influence to support efforts that expand access to the ballot, at both the federal and state level, and to push back against voting restrictions as they are introduced in legislatures across the country.

Following the anniversary of the January 6th Insurrection, we implore business leaders to take these simple actions. The future of the American (and global) economy at this moment lies with you.

Signed,

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