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Representative Harris,

The founders of our nation replaced a tyrannical government in favor of one of the people, for the people, and by the people. Democracy is the foundation of America. The right of the American people to elect their representatives is at the core of this democracy.

As elected officials, we are sworn to uphold our oaths of office. The oath of office is our commitment to constituents and Americans to uphold and defend the Constitution, against all enemies, foreign and domestic. More than mere words, the oath requires sustained action in the pursuance of democracy and for elected officials to put their loyalty to the U.S. Constitution and country above any political party or elected leader.

Representative Harris, I believe that you have violated this sworn oath by participating in attempts to undermine the free and fair election to which Joe Biden was legitimately selected to be the next United States President. By supporting lies and conspiracy theories, you have created division instead of unity as a means to further a political agenda.

On Jan. 6, riled up by the inflammatory rhetoric and falsehoods spewed by Donald Trump and his allies, a mob marched to the U.S. Capitol causing a violent insurrection and leading to the death of a United States Capitol Police Officer as he tried to defend one of America's most sacred institutions. These insurrectionists had been fomented by the lies for months, by the President repeatedly saying that the election was stolen from him and finally on that very day urging them to march to the Capitol building to "get those Congress people".

You had the opportunity to come out and denounce this attack on our democracy, but instead of recognizing how your words and actions in office have contributed to the damage done to our democracy, you continue with the same rhetoric. By voting to undermine the Presidential election, you give heed to those very people that charged the Capitol that same day and those around the world who have always questioned democracy as a legitimate form of government.

I, Councilman Andre V. Johnson, stand in opposition to the harmful words and actions you have taken against Harford County, the state of Maryland, and our country. Please do the people of this great state a favor and resign so they can have an honorable representative.

Sincerely,

Andre V. Johnson

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