

IDP Chairwoman Van Beechler has released the following statement on the protests currently occurring in Washington, D.C.:

**"Because our Republican leaders in Washington have encouraged and refused to stand up to President Trump's deliberate attack on the Constitution and the legitimacy of our elections, they are responsible for the unrest that is occurring. Congressman Russ Fulcher, Congressman Mike Simpson, Senator Jim Risch and Senator Mike Crapo all share responsibility for today's events, along with every Republican official who chose to prioritize political power over preserving our democracy.**

**We hope Idahoans will stay safe and remain peaceful during this time, and that state officials are prepared to keep our legislators safe as we approach the legislative session."**