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## **Risch on U.S. Capitol Riots and Vote to Certify the Results of the 2020 Presidential Election**

**WASHINGTON** – Today, U.S. Senator Jim Risch (R-Idaho) issued the following statement regarding today’s riots in the United States Capitol and his vote to certify the results of the 2020 presidential election:

“Today's events in the United States Capitol, meant to disrupt a process at the heart of our democracy, were unpatriotic and un-American in the extreme. Our republic has long been the envy of people all over the world, and we must stand united against those who wish to tear us apart. We are grateful to the law enforcement officers that placed themselves in harm’s way and kept those working at the Capitol safe today. I was proud to join my colleagues and reconvene at the Capitol tonight to prove that mob rule never prevails. Freedom and law and order will always triumph.

“The business we conducted today showed there is deep distrust in the integrity and veracity of our elections. We need to restore American’s faith in our voting process. I am committed to pursue that so all of America has the benefit of what we enjoy in Idaho - solid confidence in the outcome of our elections. An open, transparent system with clear guidelines and rigorous safeguards is vital.

“Now, we must come together as a country.

“I am confident we will emerge from this challenge stronger, just as America has done so many times before.”

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