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**AAI Statement on the Violent Insurrection at the U.S. Capitol
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AAI condemns the violent insurrection that occurred at the U.S. Capitol on January 6. We mourn the loss of life and regret the injuries and damage done to the seat of our democracy. We are grateful that Members of Congress and their staffs, members of the media, U.S. Capitol Police and other officers, and those peacefully working at or visiting the Capitol that day are now safe.

It is the express mission of AAI to advance the field of immunology and opportunities for those committed to its research. For more than 30 years, AAI members and staff have pursued this mission by regularly visiting Capitol Hill to exercise our First Amendment right to petition our government to advance biomedical research and the work of our members and other scientists. In so doing, we have been awed by the halls of Congress and by the democratic processes of our great nation.

Today, we are compelled to advocate for the safety and security of both AAI members and the Senators, Members of Congress, and Hill staffers who have welcomed us over the years. Violence has no place on Capitol Hill or in a democratic society. Anyone who engages in or incites violence that threatens the safety, or ability, of Americans to exercise their rights, or the functioning of our government, should be held immediately and fully accountable.