

Dear Members of the Penn State Law and SIA Community,

After a peaceful run-off election in Georgia yesterday, we are currently witnessing an outrageous assault on the rule of law in this country. Regardless of what our political views are, we should all condemn this behavior. There is a difference between peaceful protest, which is legally protected, and this violence. President-Elect Biden put it well when he said: "This is not dissent, it's disorder. It's chaos, it borders on sedition, and it must end now."

Our courts and our state officials have not found any evidence of widespread fraud or election irregularity. Our Congress and the Vice President will soon complete the democratic process that ensures the integrity of U.S. elections and undergirds peaceful transitions of power in this country.

As current and future lawyers and public policymakers, we have an obligation to protect and rebuild the rule of law. I look forward to collaborating to support our democracy.

Best,  
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