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**Subject:** Statement on Yesterday's Events



Dear Colleagues,

As an American and as a 14 year veteran Senate staffer, I was completely disgusted by yesterday's events. There is no place for violence in settling political disputes. During my entire career I have upheld the rule of law and the Constitution of the United States. I take my oath of office, my obligation to the Agency and to the American People very seriously.

In my first speech to you, the Agency employees, I vowed to leave the Agency stronger than I found it. To date, we have provided the Biden transition team with hundreds of documents and over fifty briefings. My intention is to continue to honor the mission of the Agency, to protect public health and the environment, until January 20th in order to provide as smooth a transition for the Agency as possible.

Andrew Wheeler  
Administrator