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## **BTF PRESIDENT ISSUES STATEMENT ON MOB VIOLENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

"What we all witnessed in our nation's capital, which was fomented by the current occupant of the office of the United States President, some of his family members, and some elected members of Congress, was not a protest.

It was a vicious mob attack directed at the heart of our democracy. We will survive, but the scar that this "president" and the others have inflicted with their actions and complicity will forever remain.

Imagine the impact from what our children witnessed and may forever remember.

We have two deadly viral pandemics. One is physical, for which we, hopefully, have a vaccine.

The other deadly pandemic is mental, for which a vaccine must include the rejection of violence, respect for, and seeking to reach out to, and understand one another and, yes, a sense of family and community.

We must have both vaccines if we are to survive as a community and the country we all should cherish", stated Philip Rumore, President of the Buffalo Teachers Federation.