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As lawyers and law teachers, we share the solemn privilege and responsibility to uphold the rule of law and promote a just legal order. Since January, we have witnessed intensifying threats to U.S. democracy—from our constitutional rights to birthright citizenship, due process, free speech, and counsel, to the separation of powers, free and fair elections, and the prohibition against a third presidential term. We also have witnessed unlawful attacks on judicial independence, immigrants, diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, law firms, journalists, science, universities, students, academics, federal workers, unions, law schools, activists, and more.

We hold a diversity of political and ideological opinions on these issues. But we are united in our law school's mission as "a collaborative, multicultural community preparing students for excellence in the practice of law and related careers that advance justice and the rule of law." We therefore join the American Bar Association, the Association of American Law Schools, law school deans, law firms, state attorneys general, university presidents, scholars, students, and others to urge all our colleagues in the academy, bench, and bar to vocally condemn these attacks and actively defend our fundamental rights and liberties.

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