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**TRANSCRIPT: MAYOR DE BLASIO DELIVERS REMARKS WITH NEW YORK'S
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATES TO DEMAND THE IMPEACHMENT OF
PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP**

Mayor Bill de Blasio: Thank you, Congressman Jefferies. Thank you for your leadership. Look around you, everyone -- these members of congress who serve us, their lives were in danger that day. The people who worked for them, their lives were in danger. Everyone was put in danger because of a rebellion that was somehow tolerated, that was aided and abetted by Donald Trump, created by Donald Trump and Josh Hawley, and so many others, somehow tolerated by security forces.

Look behind you at City Hall. Can you imagine – a lot of you have spent time here – can you imagine a mob taking over this building? It's never happened. It will never happen in New York City, but it happened in Washington D.C. Why? And I support Congressman Bowman's efforts for have a full investigation, because someone gave the order to let that happen, and we need to know who, and they must be punished. When I think of my friends, these good people I've served with for years, they were in danger and democracy was in danger. It's very clear what the result must be. Donald Trump must go now.

Now, anyone who is that treasonous, anyone who has lost control of his mental abilities to that level as to start an insurrection against the United States should not have his finger on the nuclear button. He needs to resign right now. And you may say, well he's not going to do it. Well then, Vice President Pence, use the 25th Amendment. And you may say, well that's not politically convenient for Vice President Pence. Well, thank God, for these people, these members of Congress who will impeach Donald Trump, because we need them to. We need them to, to protect America and American democracy. Thank you, every single one of you, and God bless you all.

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