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STATEMENT BY MAX ROSE & ALI SOUFAN
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(New York, NY – January 12, 2021) “11 Months ago, together in a *New York Times* editorial entitled “[We Once Fought Jihadists. Now We Battle White Supremacists.](#)” we warned the world that white supremacists today are organizing in a similar fashion to what jihadist terrorist organizations, like al-Qaeda, did in the 1980s and 1990s. Well, the storming of the U.S. Capitol that we witnessed on January 6th terrifyingly calls to mind the 1993 World Trade Center bombing; a horrific act of terrorism in its own right, but also a harbinger of much worse to come if we fail to act immediately. Enough with the platitudes, now is the time for Congress to act by quickly strengthening domestic terrorism statutes so the nation's prosecutors can leverage similar tools and legislations as exist for combating international terrorism, expanding the Foreign Terrorist Designation list, and robustly funding the fight against domestic terrorism. Lastly, all those who stormed the Capitol, and certainly those who aided and abetted it, are deserving of insurrection charges and punishment to the fullest extent of the law. Lives are on the line. Words are not enough. Decisive action must be taken.”

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