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Rockville, MD – American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET) President Charles P. France issued the following statement on yesterday's events at the U.S. Capitol:

ASPET forcefully condemns the actions of armed rioters who stormed the U.S. Capitol yesterday and further condemns the role of President Trump in inciting those rioters. The disruption of the certification of the 2020 presidential election results violated federal law and endangered lives. The peaceful transition of power is a hallmark of a stable democracy, and efforts to impede or deny the transition are anti-democratic and threaten the stability of our country.

While events unfolded at the U.S. Capitol, Johns Hopkins University reported 3,865 new deaths from COVID-19, the highest one-day total of the pandemic. Another report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention forecasted the total death toll to exceed 405,000 by the end of the month. ASPET members and the biomedical research community are working tirelessly to develop therapies and vaccines to combat COVID-19, but the success of their contributions—from research, to testing, approval, and distribution—require the partnership of a stable and engaged federal government.

Yesterday was a shameful moment in our nation's history. ASPET calls on President Trump to accept the results of the 2020 presidential election and for executive and congressional leadership to present a united front against further action to destabilize our democracy.

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