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August 17, 2017

The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs
U.S. Senate
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are writing to request that the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee hold a hearing on violent white supremacy and other domestic violent extremism.

On Saturday, August 12, 2017, a woman was killed and many people were injured in Charlottesville, Virginia, when the alleged perpetrator, reportedly a white supremacist, intentionally rammed his car into a crowd of people. Attorney General Jeff Sessions has called that attack an act of terrorism.

As you have said, it is important for the Committee to examine the root causes that fuel terrorism in order to understand the threats that we face. We therefore urge you to hold a hearing investigating the root causes behind violent white supremacy in the United States.

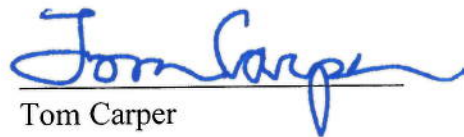
The Committee is charged with investigating “aspects of crime and lawlessness within the United States, which have an impact upon or affect the national health, welfare, and safety.” We have an obligation to ensure that the federal government is ready and able to combat and defeat terrorism of all types and keep our country safe.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
Ranking Member

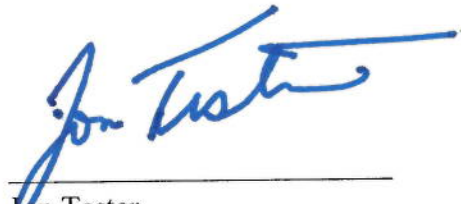


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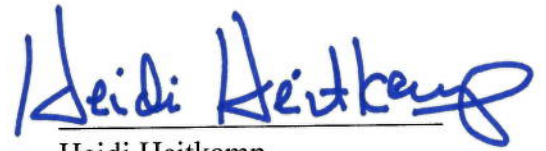
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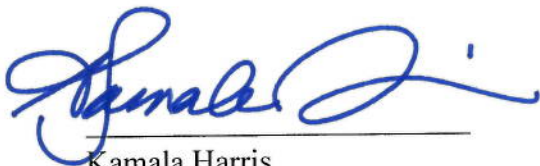
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