

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 1, 2024

The Honorable Hal Rodgers  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science,  
and Related Agencies  
H-310, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Matt Cartwright  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,  
Science and Related Agencies  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Rodgers and Ranking Member Cartwright:

As you work to develop the fiscal year 2025 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriation bill, we ask that you prioritize hate crime prevention. The current rise in hate crimes is deeply concerning. According to the most recent hate crime statistics data from the FBI, race-based crimes reached the highest levels ever recorded in 2021 and 2022, with Black Americans remaining the most frequently targeted victims every year since 1991 and anti-Hispanic crimes reaching the highest level ever in 2022. In addition, antisemitic hate crimes rose 36 percent from 2021 to 2022, anti-LGBTQI+ hate crimes rose 17 percent, and Muslim Americans continue to be overrepresented among victims.

To more effectively prevent and track hate crimes, we respectfully request you fund the following programs as part of your hate crime prevention response:

- **\$20 million for the Khalid Jabara and Heather Heyer NO HATE Act Program.** The Khalid-Jabara and Heather Heyer NO HATE Act Program targets incomplete and inaccurate hate crime reporting. \$20 million is needed in FY25 to improve reporting of and response to hate crimes, and to stand up hate crime prevention initiatives as well as state hate crime hotlines. This funding directly enables the Office of Justice Programs to scale up its efforts to address several key gaps in State, local, and tribal capacity to report and respond to hate crimes.
- **\$40 million for the Community Relations Service (CRS).** CRS serves as “America’s Peacemaker” for communities facing conflict based on actual or perceived race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, or disability. CRS works toward its mission by providing facilitated dialogue, mediation, training, and consultation to assist these communities to come together, develop solutions to the conflict, and enhance their capacity to independently prevent and resolve future conflict.
- **\$30 million for Community Approaches to Advancing Justice Grants.** These grants support community-based approaches to advancing justice and reconciliation, facilitating dialogue between parties, building local capacity, de-escalating community tensions, and preventing hate crimes through conflict resolution and community empowerment and education.

- **\$25 million for the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Grants Program** to conduct educational outreach and training on hate crimes and to investigate and prosecute hate crimes.
- **\$20 million for Domestic Extremism and Radicalization Research.** Assessments from the Director of National Intelligence, the FBI, and DHS have all concluded that the two most lethal elements of today's domestic terrorism threat are (1) racially or ethnically motivated violent extremists who advocate for the superiority of the white race and (2) anti-government or anti-authority violent extremists, such as militia violent extremists. The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) should prioritize this funding to address white supremacy and toward research efforts aimed at preventing radicalization and addressing racism and hatred in society more deeply.


We appreciate your consideration of these budget requests to address the prevalence of hate crimes, improve our response to these violent acts, and strengthen our government's relationship with affected communities.

Sincerely,



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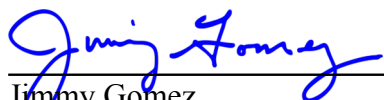
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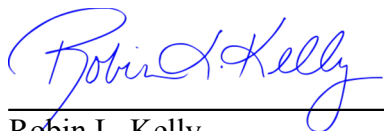
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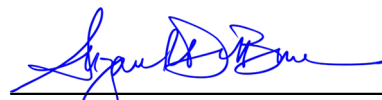
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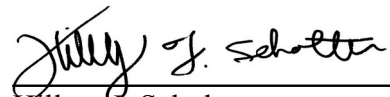
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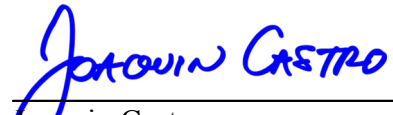
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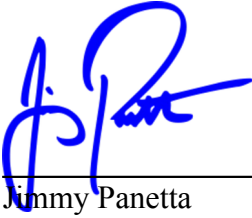
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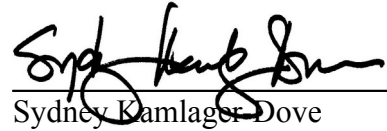
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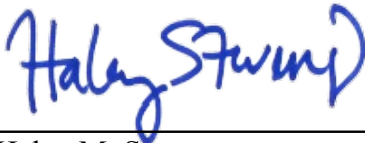
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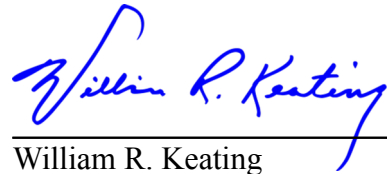
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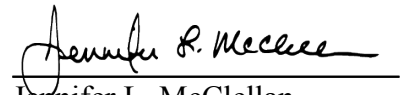
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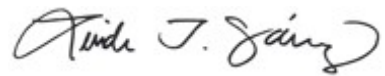
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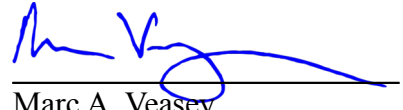
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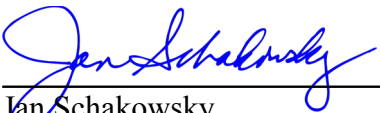
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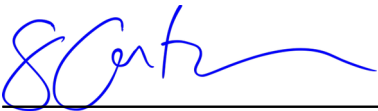
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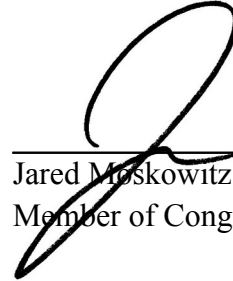
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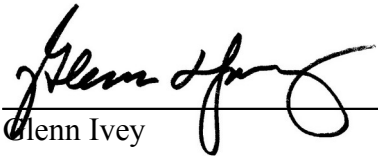
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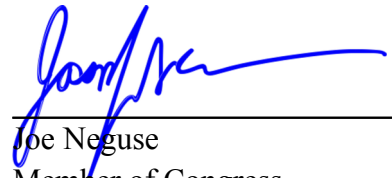
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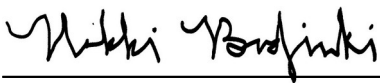
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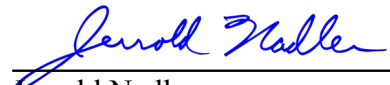
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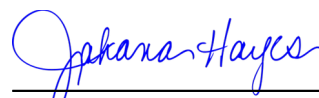
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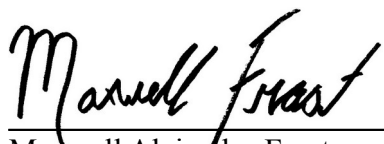
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