

Dear Chairman Nadler, Ranking Member Collins, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, an individual fueled by white nationalist hatred entered the Tree of Life synagogue, murdered 11 innocent people, and seriously wounded 2 community members and 4 of our dedicated Pittsburgh police officers. We are survivors of that violent act of extremist hate.

As you know, white nationalism and gun violence are serious and growing problems. What happened in Pittsburgh was a tragedy. There are far too many among us who have lost loved ones or been forever scarred by this epidemic of hatred and violence.

We do not want others to have to endure what we and our community have had to endure. We therefore urge you to take the measures necessary to combat this rising tide of hate and violence. Make sure that our law enforcement agencies are organized and have the resources to monitor and combat this threat. Adopt simple, common sense measures to keep dangerous weapons out of the wrong hands.

Nothing can be done to bring back the loved ones who have been murdered, take away the wounds and trauma of those who survived, or erase the grief of those whose family members were taken from them. However, we can, and must, protect all of our fellow Americans against the very real possibility that this will happen to them.

Thank you so much for listening to us, and thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of our country.

Sincerely,

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