

Chairman Jordan and to the honorable members of the House Judiciary Committee;

I remember when my friend and colleague Charlie Kirk first learned that TPUSA had been added to the SPLC's fraudulent Hate Map in the spring of 2025. His initial reaction was characteristically defiant: "Of course. What took them so long?" We laughed at the absurdity. But later, when we were alone, he admitted he was worried about our students. He was used to the smears; they were not. Charlie knew it only took one lunatic to change everything.

On Sept. 10, 2025, his worst fears were tragically realized. Exactly three months and 19 days after the SPLC fraudulently included Turning Point USA in its so-called Hate Map, a left-wing assassin killed Charlie, saying, "I had enough of his hatred. Some hate can't be negotiated out."

I cannot prove the SPLC's targeting of TPUSA directly caused Charlie's assassination. But indirectly? Without question. The organization's decades-long campaign helped turn "hate" into the ultimate catch-all slur wielded by powerful institutions to dismiss, dehumanize, and ultimately justify violence against conservatives. It was only a matter of time before this rhetoric got someone killed. Now Erika Kirk is without a loving husband, her children are without a devoted father, and his organization will never enjoy his visionary leadership again. The country was robbed of someone I consider a modern-day Founding Father, and I was robbed of one of my best friends. The SPLC's smear machine played a huge part in that tragedy.

As more and more shocking information comes out about the SPLC's fraudulent scheme to pay for and drum up relics of white supremacy to scare the country and raise dollars from credulous donors by smearing conservatives like Charlie, I am deeply and personally burdened to speak out. I condemn the actions of a once reputable civil rights organization that in the words of Charlie, "has become a husk of its former self." Shame on the SPLC for smearing good, God-fearing people like Charlie and our TPUSA students. You deserve every ounce of accountability the Justice Department can deliver.

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