URGE YOUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVE TO ENDORSE AND SUPPORT THE
KHALID JABARA AND HEATHER HEYER NATIONAL OPPOSITION TO HATE, ASSAULT AND
THREATS TO EQUALITY ACT
(THE JABARA / HEYER “NO HATE” ACT)

THE ISSUE:
One of our biggest current problems in assessing and responding to hate crimes is the incomplete collection of accurate hate crimes data. The Hate Crime Statistics Act, as made permanent in 1996 requires the Attorney General to collect data on crimes committed because of the victim's race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or ethnicity. Data must always drive criminal justice policy. The first step in addressing hate violence in America is to know its nature and magnitude. We need State and local jurisdictions to fully report hate crimes activities to the U.S. Justice Department. In 2017, 87% of all participating police agencies affirmatively reported zero (0) hate crimes to the FBI (including at least 82 cities over 100,000). More than 1,000 law enforcement agencies did not report any data to the FBI.

The Khalid Jabara and Heather Heyer National Opposition to Hate, Assault and Threats to Equality (No Hate) Act, introduced by Senator Richard Blumenthal, CT, and by Congressman Don Beyer, VA,(H.R. 3545 / S 2043) authorizes grants to promote and improve hate crime training, prevention, best practices, and data collection initiatives – and to develop state hate crime reporting hotlines to refer individuals to local law enforcement and support services. It also allows courts to require that defendants participate in educational programs or community service as a condition of supervised release, thereby taking great strides in helping in the healing process.
THE ACTION WE NEED YOU TO TAKE:
Contact your U.S. Senators and Representative and ask them to be a co-sponsor THE KHALID JABARA AND HEATHER HEYER NATIONAL OPPOSITION TO HATE, ASSAULT AND THREATS TO EQUALITY (NO HATE) ACT (H.R. 3545 / S. 2043). To contact your Senators and Representative you should:

- **Make a Phone Call:**
  Call your Senators and your Representative in Washington by dialing the Capitol Switchboard and asking to be transferred to your Senators’/Congressman’s offices. The switchboard phone number is (202) 224-3121 (see message section, below).

- **Write a Letter**
  If you choose to write letters to your Senators, send them to:
  
  The Honorable (name of Senator)
  
  U.S. Senate
  
  Washington, D.C.  20510
  
  If you choose to write a letter to your Representative, send it to:
  
  The Honorable (name of Representative)
  
  U.S. House of Representatives
  
  Washington, D.C.  20515

- **Send a Fax**
  If you would like to send a fax, call your Senators’ or Representative’s office (through the Capitol switchboard) and ask for their fax numbers (you can use either the attached sample letter or the message box, below).

- **Send an E-Mail**
  To send an email to your Representative, go to www.house.gov, and on the home page click “Representatives”. This will allow you to click your Representative either by state or by name. Click on your Representative and you will be directed to his/her web page, which will have instructions on how to send an e-mail. The homepage of www.house.gov also has a tool to help you identify who your Representative is.
  
  To send an e-mail to your Senators, go to www.senate.gov and click on “Contact” under “Senators.” You can look up your Senators by name or state; go to their web sites to send an e-mail.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT BOTH OF YOUR SENATORS!**

**THE MESSAGE:**

- The first step in addressing hate violence in America is to know its nature and magnitude. We need State and local jurisdictions to fully report hate crimes activities to the U.S. Justice Department.

- The FBI report documented that hate crimes against African Americans, LGBT community members, Native Americans, Jews, and Muslims all increased in 2015. However, the FBI also documented in 2016, 87 percent of all participating police agencies affirmatively reported zero (0) hate crimes to the FBI (including at least 82 cities over 100,000). More than 1,000 law enforcement agencies did not report any data to the FBI (including 9 cities over 100,000).

- The *Khalid Jabara and Heather Heyer National Opposition to Hate, Assault and Threats to Equality (No Hate) Act* incentivizes and encourages state and local law enforcement agencies to more comprehensively collect and report credible, reliable hate crimes data to the FBI.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS IMPORTANT MATTER!!!**

If you have any questions, call Hilary Shelton at the Washington Bureau at (202) 463-2940.

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REMEMBER TO CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AND BOTH YOUR SENATORS

Sample Letter

The Honorable ___________________________
United States Senate / U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.  20510  / 20515

RE:  ENDORSE AND SUPPORT THE KHALID JABARA AND HEATHER HEYER NATIONAL OPPOSITION TO HATE, ASSAULT AND THREATS TO EQUALITY (NO HATE) ACT

Dear Senator / Representative ______________________________;

As your constituent, I am writing to urge you to support and co-sponsor bipartisan and bicameral “Khalid Jabara and Heather Heyer National Opposition to Hate, Assault and Threats to Equality (No Hate) Act”, introduced by Senator Richard Blumenthal, (CT) and Rep. Donald S. Beyer, (VA) (H.R. 3545 / S. 2043). This important legislation establishes incentives for state and local law enforcement to submit credible and complete hate crime reports, creates grants for state-run hate crime hot lines, and allow for judges to require community service or educational programming for individuals convicted under the Mathew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act. It takes concrete steps to put an end to the insidious and discriminatory practice of profiling at the federal, state and local levels based on race, ethnicity, appearance, religious affiliation, sexual orientation or national origin whether real or perceived.

As painfully and more publically discussed, hate crimes are a serious and growing problem in the United States. The increase in the number of hate groups, their membership and hate crimes in the United States, make it clear that more research and complete date is sorely needed. The dramatic underreporting of hate crimes make it extremely difficult to know the full scope of the problem. At a time when an increase number of Americans face unprecedented threats to their lives and property as a result of many types of bigotry and racism, Congress must do its part to take action to improve hate crime reporting, provide victims with more support and options, and encourage entire communities to come together and heal.

In 2017, the most current Hate Crimes Statistics Act (HCSA) data available, 87 percent of all participating police agencies affirmatively reported zero (0) hate crimes to the FBI (including at least 82 cities over 100,000). More than 1,000 law enforcement agencies did not report any data to the FBI (including 9 cities over 100,000). The United States Justice Department be must be able to fully collect hate crimes data if we are to craft a comprehensive solution.

I strongly urge you to become a co-sponsor of the Khalid Jabara and Heather Heyer National Opposition to Hate, Assault and Threats to Equality (No Hate) Act and help address the very serious problem. Please let me know what you intend to do, and what I can do to help you in this fight. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
(sign and print your name and remember to include your address)