



As public officials who have committed ourselves to sharing our opinions and beliefs to act together for the betterment of our nation, we believe that no one in America should fear for their safety for sharing their beliefs. Everyone has the right to freedom of speech and the right to exercise that freedom – even and especially when we disagree with what they are saying. We also know that words matter. In moments of disagreement and conflict, we should model robust debate and dialogue without contempt and dehumanizing language. Contemptuous speech increases people’s fear of each other and causes social disconnection, which can lead to violence and has no place in our deliberations as those elected to serve all citizens of our country.

Recognizing that communities around the nation and world have also suffered terribly from the effects of violence, America is our home. Neighbors may disagree on matters of the heart and mind, but especially in times like this, we need to turn toward each other.

We stand together to say that:

In America, we cannot use violence against people with whom we politically disagree.

Not Charlie Kirk.

Not Minnesota Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark.

Not Minnesota Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette.

Not Paul Pelosi.

Not Representative Steve Scalise.

Not Representative Gabby Giffords.

Not Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro.

Not President Donald Trump.

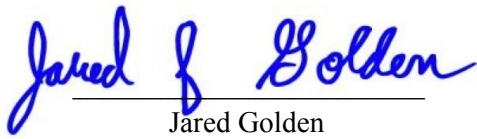
We are Americans before we are Democrats or Republicans.

We must see the inherent dignity in our fellow Americans, especially when we disagree with them. You and I might not resolve our differences, but we can work together to better understand each other.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

Tom Suozzi
Member of Congress



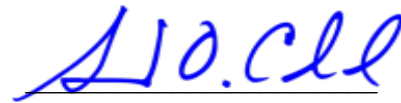
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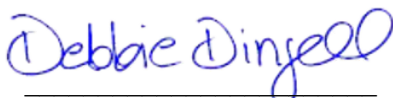
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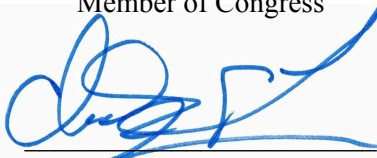
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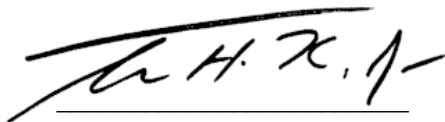
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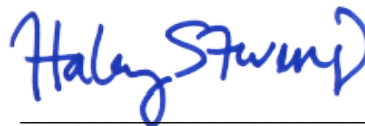
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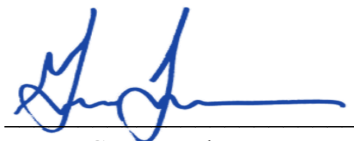
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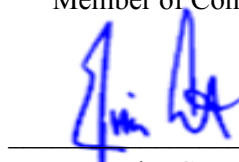
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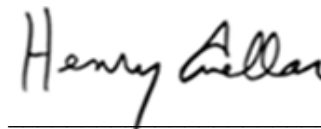
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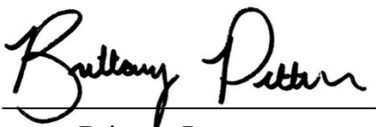
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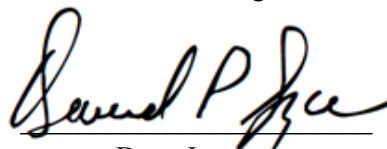
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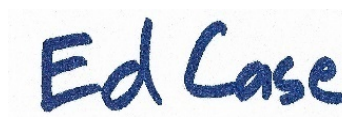
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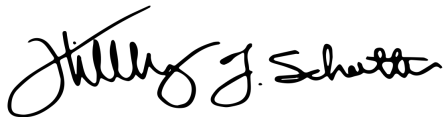
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