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CONDEMNING RACISM, XENOPHOBIA, HATE, AND VIOLENCE

Oxnard, CA – Growing up, history taught me that people came to this Country for opportunities and a safe place to raise their families. That for many, it was a beacon of hope. They were escaping violence and poverty from their home Country. Unfortunately, history also tells of the discrimination that so many people of color had to endure and endure in 2021.

We have seen over the years that the acts of violence and hate are heartbreaking and disturbing. A nation of immigrants continuing to endure these acts must stop. The eight that lost their lives in Atlanta and the 10 in Colorado were someone's loved one and friend. The thought that individuals are targeted because of skin color, ethnicity, or even religion goes against everything this Country was supposed to support.

For change to take place, we must all speak up and not remain silent. When we see hate, discrimination, racism, xenophobia, and violence, we must speak out against it. We must call for reasonable Gun Control laws and put our bias feelings aside. Regardless of the political spectrum, we can agree that we do not want guns in the hands of criminals and those that are mentally unstable.

I pray for the day that we can live in our communities and this nation without fear. That mine and others' skin color would not be considered a threat but an opportunity to celebrate diversity. I pray that one day our nation will be that beacon of hope that so many search for in the U.S.