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To: The Residents of PA-District 5

Reflecting on Political Violence and Cautionary Speech

Moments were frozen in time as the world and Americans witnessed an attempt on the life of Donald J. Trump, the beloved 45th President of the United States and a leading contender to become the 47th. The sounds of bullets flying through the air were something I, just as many uniformed professionals have become accustomed to as a retired Philadelphia Police Officer and Iraq War veteran. My breath caught when I saw President Trump surrounded by Secret Service and then come out once again, fist pumping. He stood tall and fought back, and like many others, I was relieved to witness it. Fighting the good fight.

Unfortunately, hatred has returned to rear its ugly head in the wake of the chaos. In the political and social media spheres, there exist persons with a combination of interests that include cruel humor attempts and the sadistic promotion of a would-be phony assassination attempt lie. In my opinion, this slander is none deserving of interest nor consideration. Certain people in our beloved country want to trivialize a terrible, heartbreaking tragedy that has destroyed a family's dreams and taken an innocent life, saddens me greatly.

Please stop, as I beg of you, a mother, a grandmother, a neighbor, a friend, and an American. Cease. Fear grips people, families are shattered and in mourning, and our nation needs healing desperately. We've #hadenough and it's time to come together. It is time to extend a kind, understanding, and healing hand across the aisle. It's time for us to dig deep, set aside our emotions, and contemplate our neighbor who has experienced hardship, the loss of a loved one, and uncertain times. Please remember that empathy is an endearing human trait. We value your time and effort in reading this message on behalf of the Alfe for U.S. Congress campaign, and we thank you in advance.

Sincerely,



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