

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 7, 2017

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader McCarthy,

We are writing to respectfully ask you to bring S.J.RES.45 up for a vote or pass it by unanimous consent. This is a priority for the Oregon delegation.

On May 26, three brave Oregonians--Rick Best, Taliesin Myrddin Namkai-Meche, and Micah David-Cole Fletcher--were brutally stabbed on local transit as they protected two young women who were the targets of threatening anti-Muslim hate speech. Rick Best and Taliesin Myrddin Namkai-Meche lost their lives, and Micah David-Cole Fletcher was gravely injured. When the House returned from its May/June district work period, the entire Oregon delegation introduced resolutions in the House and Senate condemning the deadly attack, expressing deepest condolences to the families and friends of the victims, and supporting community efforts to overcome hatred, bigotry, and violence. The Senate resolution (S.J.Res. 45) passed the Senate on June 8 by unanimous consent. We ask you to either bring S.J.RES.45 up for a vote on the suspension calendar or pass it by unanimous consent.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,



Earl Blumenauer
Member of Congress



Suzanne Bonamici
Member of Congress



Peter DeFazio
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Kurt Schrader
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CC: Minority Whip Steny Hoyer