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Letter to Members of Congress

Subject: Thank You for Your Leadership and Our Commitment to Civility

Dear Member of Congress,

In the wake of the tragic and senseless shootings in Minnesota that claimed the lives of Former Speaker of the House Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, and seriously injured State Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, we at the Community Associations Institute (CAI) are reminded of the critical importance of civility in public service.

Violence has no place in our democracy or in our communities. CAI members are committed to fostering civility at the most local level of governance; within the communities we call home.

On behalf of the CAI's more than 50,000 members, I want to thank you for your courage, leadership, and unwavering commitment to serving the American people, especially during a time when civil discourse is under threat.

CAI represents millions of community association leaders, professionals, and homeowners across the United States. As the national voice for the 370,000 condominium associations, housing cooperatives, and homeowners associations that are home to over 74 million Americans, we understand the importance of respectful governance and responsible leadership at all levels of government.

We also know that the strength of a democracy depends on the people we elect and, critical importance, how we engage with one another. At CAI, we are committed to modeling civility, collaboration, and responsible citizenship in every community we serve. And we stand with you in doing the same at the federal level. To learn more about CAI's long-standing commitment to civility, visit our website here.

We will continue to be good partners and thoughtful stewards as we work with you on policy solutions that affect your constituents and our shared communities. Together, we can model the power of civility; one conversation, one policy, one community at a time.

With deep gratitude and respect,

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