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Dear Colleague:

We are dismayed by the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump on Saturday in Butler, PA, which resulted in one bystander being killed and two others being critically wounded. We are grateful for the bravery of the United States Secret Service agents and all other law enforcement officers who protected the former President, neutralized the gunman, and helped prevent further loss of life. We are deeply grieved by the events of Saturday and send our heartfelt condolences to the families of those who were gunned down at the rally.

As Democrat and Republican Members of Congress, we call for peace and civility in our nation's politics. Unfortunately, incivility and hate have become all too common in today's political climate. Political violence has no place in America, regardless of one's political affiliation. The cycle of animosity and hate that has permeated our country’s political system needs to stop.

While we may have vast disagreements on policy and direction for America, the proper place to settle these differences is through vigorous debate and at the ballot box. Violence should never be directed at any political party or leader. It's time for our nation to come together, show courtesy to one another, and usher newfound respect into our politics.

We have the ability to lead by example and show people we can disagree without dehumanizing each other. Considering the current political division in our nation, we understand that this may be easier said than done. There is a system of hatred and grifting that has infused itself into our politics. We see it on TV and social media daily, making this task challenging. We must find ways to find commonality with each other. Like the two of us, many of you are parents with sons and daughters who are going to inherit what we leave behind. As collective Members of the same body, we must ensure that we do everything possible to bring down the temperature. If we do not do this, we continue to risk the safety of our colleagues and the American people.

Sincerely,

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