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Hello and good afternoon,

I write to you from Portland, a place that in recent weeks has become a scary place no matter your citizenship or race. A place where we are concerned for our neighbors and friends and a place where we have seen the Constitution not being upheld.

I am so excited to see this bill being brought to the judiciary committee. It tightens protections and clarifies. It holds people accountable for their actions, legally. This is what the rule of law is for. I believe it is important to pass this now and quickly. Even if members of the committee do not believe that this is a perfect amendment, it gets some accountability and protection on the books. Things can always be reworked later, it is important to give a legal framework right now for people who need it.

Thank you for your time, consideration and all your hard work for your Constituents. We really do appreciate it.

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