



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

August 14, 2017

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

Dear Majority Leader McCarthy,

I write to renew my call for the House to bring S.J.RES.45 up for a vote or pass it by unanimous consent. This continues to be a priority for the Oregon delegation.

Like you, I was appalled by this weekend's violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, and I agree with your statement that "actions of malice and hate by white supremacists simply have no place in society."

When the U.S. House of Representatives reconvenes, I ask that we, as a body, make clear that we stand in solidarity against white supremacy, hate, and intolerance. Part of this stand should be formally thanking three brave Oregonians who were stabbed while protecting two young women who were the targets of threatening anti-Muslim hate speech in May. Rick Best and Taliesin Myrddin Namkai-Meche lost their lives, and Micah David-Cole Fletcher was gravely injured.

As you know, 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.

We won't let hate win. In the wake of Charlottesville and Portland, let's make our nation's values clear.

Thank you for your continued consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Earl Blumenauer".

Earl Blumenauer  
Member of Congress

CC: Minority Whip Steny Hoyer