

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Chief Peter Newsham
Metropolitan Police Department
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Chief Newsham:

I write to urge the Metropolitan Police Department to protect Americans' rights to assemble and protest during the upcoming visit of Turkish President Erdogan.

During past visits by the Turkish President, Americans exercising their First Amendment rights were assaulted by pro-Erdogan protesters and President Erdogan's security detail. I commend the Metropolitan Police Department for separating the offending parties from their victims, but most of the perpetrators went uncharged and unpunished. This is unacceptable and cannot happen again.

While President Erdogan has been successful in rolling back the freedoms of the Turkish people, he does not get to exercise his authoritarian bent in our nation's capital.

I urge you and the fine men and women of the Metropolitan Police Department to ensure those who wish to assemble and speak out against the Turkish regime and its leader are free to do so peacefully and without violence from opposing parties.

Never Forget,



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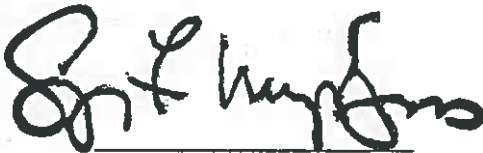
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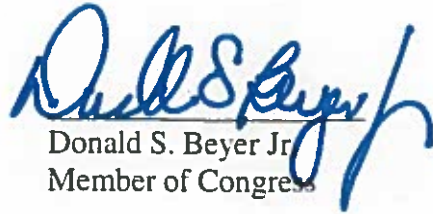
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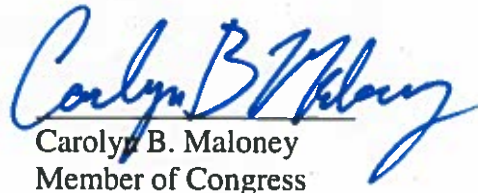
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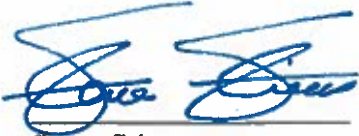
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