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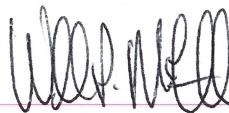
Ms. Anita Scott
City Manager
City of Pomona
City Hall - 2nd Floor
505 South Garey Avenue
Pomona, CA 91766

Dear Ms. Scott:

Members of Congress, as elected public officials, face significant security challenges due to their elevated profiles and the significant threats to their safety that accompany the position. The surge in threats to do harm against Members of Congress in recent years is of the utmost concern and requires collaboration and partnership to ensure their continued safety.

Any support or consideration you can provide in furtherance of Rep. Torres' security is sincerely appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Police Services, Larry Cook at (202) 821-3026 or Lawrence.Cook@mail.house.gov if you have any questions or concerns regarding the safety and security of Rep. Torres.

Sincerely,



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Anita Scott, City Manager
City of Pomona
City Hall - 2nd Floor
505 South Garey Ave.
Pomona, CA 91766

Dear City Manager Scott,

Given the increasing rise in threats against Members of Congress in general, and against myself, I am seeking a variance in order to build an entry gate along my driveway to better protect myself and other family members.

Unfortunately, threats against Members of Congress, and other elected officials, continue to rise steeply in recent years. In 2024, the Capitol Police investigated 9,474 statements and threats against Members of Congress, their families, and staffs. This highlights a disturbing trend- threats against Members of Congress have grown by nearly 1,000 percent since 2016.

Several of these were directed against myself, my family, and my staff. As a result, I have been working with local police near my district office and home and have upgraded security measures at both. However, a physical barrier, such an entry gate, will help enhance security at my personal residence.

I am willing to pay all applicable fees consistent with variance requests in the City of Pomona. I do not intend to use taxpayer dollars for this work. Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me using the information in my variance application.

Sincerely,

Norma J. Torres
Member of Congress

From: [Leader Jeffries](#)
To: [Leader Jeffries](#)
Subject: Jeffries, Morelle Letter to Speaker Johnson on Member Security
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 3:41:10 PM
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Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader

June 16, 2025

Dear Speaker Johnson:

We write in the wake of this weekend's lethal and catastrophic political violence in Minnesota to urge you to fulfill one of your most fundamental obligations as Speaker of the House: ensuring Members of Congress can safely carry out their constitutional duties.

As you know, on June 14, 2025, Minnesota State Representative and Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, were assassinated in cold blood. State Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, were critically injured after being shot 17 times by the same violent gunman.

These shootings were not isolated incidents. Credible threats and acts of political violence have increased significantly over the last decade. Threats against Members of Congress have grown by nearly 1,000 percent since 2016. These incitements, often posed by lone actors motivated by conspiracy theories and political grievance, are particularly dangerous for Members, their families and staff while at home in their communities and away from the protective measures in place at the Capitol.

While we differ in many areas related to policy and our vision for America's future, Member safety must be an area of common ground. Representatives from both sides of the aisle have endured assassination attempts that changed their lives and careers forever. Too many other patriotic public servants have

left Congress because they no longer felt safe carrying out their duty as elected officials. We must act to protect each other and preserve this great American institution.

That responsibility starts with you.

The Speaker of the House has extensive authority over this institution, both administratively and legislatively. We strongly urge you to immediately direct the Sergeant at Arms to take all necessary steps to protect House members throughout the country. At the same time, it is imperative that we substantially increase the Member Representational Allowance (MRA) to support additional safety and security measures in every single office.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Hakeem Jeffries in black ink.

Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader

Handwritten signature of Joseph D. Morelle in black ink.

Joseph D. Morelle
Ranking Member
Committee on House Administration

CC: The Honorable Bryan Steil
Chair, Committee on House Administration