



Shalom, Assalamualaikum and may peace be upon all of you. My name is Aliya Amin and I am the executive director of Muslim Alliance of Indiana. As many of my colleagues have already stated, I simply do not have the words to express the range of emotions I felt after learning of this cowardly and disgusting act - an act while aimed at our Jewish sisters and brothers, is really an attack on us all. It is a message from bigots to dampen our collective spirit, but as is evidenced here, we will rise and as the saying goes, "they tried to bury us, but they didn't know we were seeds."

Seeds of hope and seeds of action - and with just 100 days until the midterm elections, it is time to take action. It is time to branch out and send a message to our legislators that Hoosiers will not tolerate acts of hate against any community, and as Governor Holcomb said earlier today, it is finally time for Indiana to pass hate crime legislation in 2019.

It is time for us all to feel safe in our homes, to feel protected in our places of worship, to worry about learning not bullying in our schools, and to walk with our heads held high and eyes looking forward instead of over our shoulders. Hoosier hospitality has no room for hate.