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An Attack on One of Us is an Attack on All of Us

On Saturday, October 27, 2018 our nation experienced yet another senseless act of violence against our citizens. The Tree of Life (L' Simcha) Synagogue in Pittsburgh was attacked by a gunman resulting in the death of eleven persons as Rabbi Myers began his sermon. These acts of violence impact us all.

The question of “when will this end?” usually comes to mind as our brains try to adjust to yet another assault on humanity. We will have no need of this question when each of us finds it in our hearts to agree and understand that something outside of our individual or collective norms does not automatically have negative connotations. We can all live on this planet with respect for others.

We must all take responsibility for creating change by being careful and thoughtful in our actions and with our words when expressing our opinions. Our Nation's leadership should take particular responsibility in modeling this behavior so as to not contribute or foster to an environment of animosity among its citizens.

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. expresses its condolence and comfort to all those who have been personally impacted by this latest act of violence.

As a reminder, we are only one week away from Election Day. Let's not sacrifice what our ancestors fought for. Please, go out to the polls, take someone with you and exercise your right to ***Vote!***

Sisterly in Advocacy,

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