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Mayor Steve Hogan
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Dear Mayor Hogan:

I am the Executive Officer of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), one of the leading social science organizations in the country (www.SSSP1.org). Next month, we will be in Denver for the Society's 62nd annual meeting. The American Sociological Association, the Association of Black Sociologists, the Association for the Sociology of Religion, the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, and the Sociologists for Women in Society will be in Denver as well. We are looking forward to our visit, but wanted to express our condolences to the loved ones of Jessica Ghawi, Alex Sullivan, Jonathan Blunk, John Larimer, Matt McQuinn, Micayla Medek, Jesse Childress, Alexander Jonathan Boik, Alex Teves, Rebecca Ann Wingo, Gordon W. Cowden, and Veronica Moser-Sullivan; and to wish those who were wounded a speedy and full recovery. As a father and husband myself, I can only imagine what their families are going through. If there is any way that you can let them know that we are thinking of them, we would appreciate it greatly.

When tragic events such as these occur, they have the effect of bringing us closer together. Unfortunately, too often the effect is too short, and with the exception of the families, we tend to forget too quickly. We hope and trust that in this case, this horrific act will remind us always that the things we share with one another are much greater and lasting than the differences that divide us from time to time.

Good luck with the work ahead of you, we commend you for the work you have done in dealing with this tragedy thus far, and we hope that the healing process will be a speedy one.

Take care, and once again, we look forward to our visit in August.

Most sincerely,

Hector L. Delgado, Ph.D.
Executive Officer