

August 4, 2022

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500
Via electronic service

Dear Mr. President:

August 5, 2022, marks the 10-year anniversary of the deadliest attack on Sikh Americans ever--and what was, at the time, one of the most violent assaults on a U.S. house of worship in decades. **On this solemn occasion, we write to you from gurdwaras (Sikh houses of worship) across the nation urging your immediate action to help us keep our communities safe from another act of targeted hate violence.**

On Sunday, August 5, 2012, a white supremacist gunman attacked the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin, a gurdwara located in Oak Creek, Wisconsin. This domestic terrorist killed six worshippers, critically injured a seventh (who passed away due to complications from his injuries in 2020), and wounded still others--including a responding police officer. Despite our initial shock and mourning, the Sikh community in Wisconsin and across the nation responded with resilience, community service, and love in accordance with our faith.

In the 10 years since Oak Creek, white supremacy--a constant throughout our country's history--has reasserted itself in increasingly bold and violent ways. Hateful ideology has driven mass shootings targeting marginalized communities in Charleston, Isla Vista, Pittsburgh, El Paso, Poway, and Buffalo, among too many others. Houses of worship remain especially vulnerable to such threats, but no one in America should have to fear for their lives when they gather to pray, sing, reflect, eat, and celebrate with their families in sacred spaces.

Communities like ours deserve equitable access to federal funding to keep ourselves safe. **To that end, we urge you to voice your support for the passage of the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Improvement Act. We also ask that you do everything in your power to ensure that every house of worship can access NSGP funding, including by promoting the program and its deadlines through language accessible administration and offering technical assistance to applicants.** We believe that every community should have access to these resources--even those that do not want to bring law enforcement agencies into their houses of worship.

While these solutions alone will not address the underlying issues of hate and bigotry, they are critically important first steps to make marginalized communities safer. By doing so, you will join us in honoring the beloved parents, spouses, and siblings taken from our community in Oak Creek--Paramjit Kaur Saini, Sita Singh, Ranjit Singh, Prakash Singh, Suveg Singh Khattrra,



Satwant Singh Kaleka, and Baba Punjab Singh--as well as all of those who have been lost to targeted hate violence before and since.

Respectfully,

1. Sikh Temple Redding (Anderson, CA)
2. Sikh Societies of Central Contra County (Bay Point, CA)
3. Valley Sikh Temple (Canoga Park, CA)
4. Gurdwara Sahib Fremont (Fremont, CA)
5. Nanaksar Satsang Sabha (Fresno, CA)
6. Gurdwara Nanaksar Sahib (Fresno, CA)
7. High Desert Gurudwara (Hesperia, CA)
8. Tri-Valley Sikh Center (Livermore, CA)
9. Hollywood Sikh Temple (Los Angeles, CA)
10. Guru Maneyo Granth Gurdwara Sahib (Orangevale, CA)
11. Khalsa Care Foundation (Pacoima, CA)
12. Sikh Center Porterville (Porterville, CA)
13. Sikh Foundation San Diego (Poway, CA)
14. Sri Guru Ravidass Temple (Rio Linda, CA)
15. Capital Sikh Center (Sacramento, CA)
16. Sikh Gurdwara of San Jose (San Jose, CA)
17. Sikh Temple (Stockton, CA)
18. Pacific Coast Sikh Temple (Stockton, CA)
19. Gurdwara Gur Nanak Parkash (Tracy, CA)
20. Sikh Center of Orange County (Santa Ana, CA)
21. Colorado Singh Sabha (Commerce City, CO)
22. Denver Sikh Gurudwara (Englewood, CO)
23. Sikh Society of Central Florida (Oviedo, FL)
24. Sikh Society of Florida (Southwest Ranches, FL)
25. Guru Singh Sabha of Augusta (Evans, GA)
26. Sikh Educational Welfare Association Inc. (Roswell, GA)
27. Sadh Sangat of Georgia (Tucker, GA)
28. Sikh Religious Society (Palatine, IL)
29. Illinois Sikh Community Center (Wheaton, IL)
30. Dashmesh Sikh Gurudwara of Fort Wayne (Fort Wayne, IN)
31. Gurdwara Gur Nanak Darbar Inc. (Indianapolis, IN)
32. Sikh Satsang of Indianapolis (Indianapolis, IN)
33. Sikh Society of Indiana (Indianapolis, IN)
34. Midwest Sikh Gurudwara (Lenexa, KS)
35. Gurdwara Nanak Darbar Sahib Inc. (Olathe, KS)
36. Sikh Society of Kentucky (Louisville, KY)
37. Gurdwara Sahib of New Orleans (New Orleans, LA)
38. Sikh Sangat Society Boston (Everett, MA)



39. Gurdwara Guru Nanak Darbar (Medford, MA)
40. Guru Ram Das Gurdwara (Millis, MA)
41. New England Sikh Study Circle (Westborough, MA)
42. Downriver Sikh Temple (Brownstown, MI)
43. Singh Sabha of Michigan (Canton, MI)
44. Singh Sabha Of Grand Rapids (Grand Rapids, MI)
45. Mata Tripta Ji Gurdwara Sahib (Plymouth, MI)
46. Gurdwara Singh Sabha (Portage, MI)
47. Sikh Gurdwara (Rochester Hills, MI)
48. Sikh Society of Minnesota (Bloomington, MN)
49. Sikh Dharma Kansas City (Kansas City, MO)
50. Sikh Temple Of Ozarks (Springfield, MO)
51. Sikh Study Circle of St. Louis (St. Peter, MO)
52. Nanak Naam Jahaj (Jersey City, NJ)
53. Sikh Sabha of New Jersey (Lawrenceville, NJ)
54. Guru Nanak Mission Inc. (Oakland, NJ)
55. Gurdwara Khalsa Darbar of South Jersey Inc. (Burlington Township, NJ)
56. Siri Guru Singh Sabha Glen Rock (Glen Rock, NJ)
57. Gurdwara Dashmesh Darbar (Port Reading, NJ)
58. Glen Cove Gurdwara (Glen Cove, NY)
59. Gurdwara Guru Nanak Darbar (Hicksville, NY)
60. Gurudwara Giansar Ramgharia Sikh Society of America (Hollis, NY)
61. Guru Gobind Singh Sikh Center (Plainview, NY)
62. Gurdwara Sant Sagar (Queens, NY)
63. Gurdwara The Sikh Cultural Society Inc. (Richmond Hill, NY)
64. Baba Makhan Shah Lubana Sikh Center (South Richmond Hill, NY)
65. Sikh Association of Staten Island (Staten Island, NY)
66. Mid Hudson Sikh Cultural Society Inc. New York (Wappingers Falls, NY)
67. Sikh Cultural and Educational Society of WNY (Williamsville, NY)
68. Sikh Society of Dayton (Dayton, OH)
69. Sikh Center of Oregon (Beaverton, OR)
70. Dasmesh Darbar Sikh Temple (Salem, OR)
71. Gurudwara Sikh Sadh Sangat (Easton, PA)
72. Sikh Society of Harrisburg / Good Hope Gurudwara Sahib (Enola, PA)
73. Sikh Religious Society of SC (Chapin, SC)
74. Singh Sabha Gurdwara of Austin (Austin, TX)
75. The Sikh Center Of Gulf Coast Area (Houston, TX)
76. Gurdwara Nishkam Seva Irving (Irving, TX)
77. Singh Sabha North Texas (Richardson, TX)
78. Sikh Foundation of VA (Fairfax, VA)
79. Roanoke Gurdwara (Salem, VA)
80. Gurdwara Guru Nanak Parkash (Bellingham, WA)
81. Sikh Centre of Seattle (Bothell, WA)



82. Khalsa Gurmat Center (Federal Way, WA)
83. Gurdwara Sahib, Vancouver (Vancouver, WA)
84. Guru Nanak Gursikh Gurdwara (Lynden, WA)
85. Singh Sabha Gurdwara (Bellingham, WA)
86. Gurduara Brookfield WI (Brookfield, WI)
87. Sikh Temple of Fox Valley (Menasa, WI)
88. Sikh Society of Wisconsin (Middleton, WI)
89. Sikh Temple of Wisconsin (Oak Creek, WI)

