



December 13, 2022

Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson
2306 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Johnson:

On behalf of the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN), I would like to thank you for cosponsoring and promoting H.Res. 662, Honors Victims of Hate Crimes Post-9/11 Act. Since the attacks on 9/11, the incidence of hate crimes has increased, putting many people in danger of ethnic and other forms of discrimination.

NDRN is the voluntary membership association for Protection and Advocacy (P&A) agencies. The P&A agencies are a nationwide network of congressionally mandated, cross disability organizations operating in every state, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Territories (American Samoa, Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and the US Virgin Islands). There is also a P&A affiliated with the Native American Consortium which includes the Hopi, Navajo, and San Juan Southern Paiute Nations located in the Four Corners region of the Southwest.

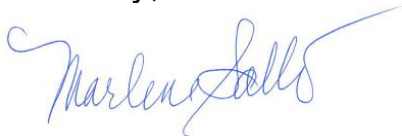
Following the September 11 attacks in 2001, ignorance and hatred contributed to record numbers of violent attacks. H.Res. 662 calls for the United States government to recognize these horrible crimes and honor the victims from hate crimes motivated by Islamophobia and anti-immigrant sentiment, where individuals were targeted by violence and hatred because they were Muslim or perceived to be Muslim.

NDRN applauds your commitment to improving equality and equity, with an emphasis in this case on honoring victims and preventing future attacks fueled by hate and ignorance. We look forward to a time when past victims experience greater safety and security in everyday life, which is currently not afforded to them. Furthermore, recognizing past atrocities will shine a light on the continuous presence of hate and discrimination, emphasizing that any amount of hate crime is intolerable.

Again, NDRN applauds the introduction of this important piece of legislation. We look

forward to working with you to enact the Honors Victims of Hate Crimes Post-9/11 Act. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Claire Stanley, Public Policy Analyst, at Claire.stanley@ndrn.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marlene Sells". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Executive Director
National Disability Rights Network