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Dear Scouters,

When someone is in trouble or danger, Scouts put their training to work and they help. Scouts apply lifesaving skills when someone is drowning, they administer First Aid when someone is bleeding. But when a hate-filled gunman shoots innocent worshippers in a synagogue, mosque or church in another state, we can and will do our best to help in other ways.

All Scouts are trained in participatory citizenship and leadership. We listen carefully and treat everyone respectfully. We recognize and value the right of each and every American to exercise their constitutional rights regardless of race, gender, orientation, age, ethnicity or other individuality. Anti-Semitism, misogyny, white nationalism, racism and hatred have no place in Scouting.

In the BSA Pathway to Adventure Council, we are growing together and open to all. Being open to all does not mean, however, that we will tolerate the behavior of vengeful individuals who seek to vent their rage against or hurt others; we will not. As Crain's Chicago Business most recently acknowledged, violence is no part of Scouting. A Scout is reverent, and we respect the right of all individuals to worship or serve God in their own way without threat of violence or being ostracized.

When our brothers and sisters are attacked, Scouts can be counted upon to do their best to help them, to be kind to others, to persevere in good cheer, and to be brave in the face of wrongful acts. This is how we lead by example.

Sincerely,

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