



THE PRESIDENT OF THE STORTING

Dear Mr Speaker,

On behalf of the Norwegian Parliament, I wish to extend my heartfelt condolences to you and to the United States House of Representatives.

Our thoughts and deepest sympathies go out to the injured and to the families of the victims of the horrific act of terror carried out in Orlando on Sunday which took the lives of so many innocent people.

It is our responsibility as parliamentarians to promote the democratic and fundamental values of freedoms regardless of race, ethnicity, religion and sexual orientation.

Words fail to express the strong emotional response we have to such acts of terror. However, I wish to assure the House of Representatives and the people of the United States of America of our utmost sympathy and solidarity in this time of mourning.

Oslo, 14 June 2016

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Olemlc Thommessen".

Olemlc Thommessen

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker of the House of Representatives
United States of America