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**FORWARD LATINO DELCARES MASS SHOOTINGS AN EPIDEMIC OF HATE AND DEMANDS CONGRESS CONDEMN HATE SPEECH, WHITE SUPREMACY & PASS GUN REFORM!**

Franklin, WI – Following the Gilroy, California, El Paso, Texas and Dayton, OH’s mass shootings of this last week, Forward Latino has declared the Mass Shootings an Epidemic of Hate in the United States. Respectively, these represent mass shooting 249, 250 and 251 in the United States for 2019.

Darryl Morin, President of Forward Latino stated, “Today we mourn our fellow Americans killed in these tragic acts of hate. We extend our prayers to the victims, their families and friends, to those still fighting for their lives, and to those suffering trauma from these heinous acts. We also extend our utmost appreciation to the men and women of their respective police departments, to the first responders, and to the medical professionals who are all the real heroes.

Sadly, this mass shooting epidemic of hate has been fueled by our nation’s president for no more than political gain and self-interest. We have repeatedly heard him refer to members of our community as murderers, drug dealers and rapists. We have seen him manufacture crisis after crisis with mis-leading and inflammatory statements. We have seen him offer to pay the legal bills of Americans willing to attack other Americans who did not support him. We have seen him repeatedly refuse to condemn white supremacists, and on numerous occasions defend his statement that some white supremacists are “very fine people.” A statement made following the tragedy in Charlottesville, Virginia. Morin added “today we demand that every member of the United States Congress condemn hate speech, condemn white supremacy and pledge to once and for all pass meaningful gun reform. The overwhelming number of Republicans and Democrats agree that those who pose a danger to themselves and others should not have access to firearms. It is beyond time for Congress to act!”

Forward Latino is calling on concerned citizens to call their congressional representatives to demand they condemn hate speech, white supremacy and pass meaningful gun reform. Additional information can be found at <https://forwardlatino.org/gilroy-el-paso-dayton> .

*About Forward Latino:*

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