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The Portland Japanese American Citizens League mourns the loss of the brave men, Ricky John Best and Taliesin Namkai-Meche, who stood up against hate at the MAX station attacks on May 26, 2017 in Portland, Oregon. We express condolences to their families for the loss of their loved ones. We also hope for a full recovery for the wounded man, Micah Fletcher, who also tried to assist. These three brave men put their lives on the line to stand against hate.

During this time of profound sadness, we extend our support to the targeted women and the Muslim community who are feeling vulnerable and afraid. We want to live in a community which is welcoming of all and accepting of others. This is not the America we love and cherish. We need to keep our communities safe and we are reaching out to say that we stand with you. We know what it is like to be victims of hate. #NeverAgain

Yours truly,

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