



A Message from the Governor

February 14, 2015

Tonight, it is with solemn hearts that we remember Deah Barakat, Yusor Abu-Salha, and Razan Abu-Salha, the three students who were killed in the Chapel Hill, N.C. shooting earlier this week. Trudi and I extend our heartfelt condolences to their loved ones and to the many friends, neighbors and Muslim community members who are hurting in the midst of this senseless act of violence.

With these events having occurred so soon after my roundtable meeting with the Muslim community this past Tuesday, my thoughts are with all of you during this difficult time. I understand the impact that this kind of pain has on the broader community, and I am glad that the federal government is working closely with local authorities to determine the facts of the case.

This tragedy touches all of us, and Washingtonians, as well as people across the nation and around the world, share the burden of this terrible loss. Deah, Yusor and Razan were young students known for their talent, kindness and compassion. They had much to offer their community and their world, and it is tragic that they were unable to fully realize their potential.

In times like these, it is critical that we come together in a spirit of unity and reaffirm the importance of acceptance, as well as the personal responsibility we all have to help foster peace and understanding in our communities.

Very truly yours,

Jay Inslee
Governor

