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No More Charlottesvilles!

Friends,

At Saturday's white nationalist "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, counter-protesters put their lives at risk and stood up to hate. After they chanted, "...No KKK! No fascist USA," a white supremacist responded, "Too late f — —kers." My response?

Well sir, I—and the millions like me who stand for respect and inclusion—are here to tell you that you are gravely mistaken. When it comes to fighting for what is right:

It is **NEVER** too late.

In fact, I'll go one step further. I see yesterday as a beginning. No longer can anyone deny that U.S. terrorism is a disease that infects people across race and religion. Plowing a car into an innocent group of people for political ends is terrorism. It is the same heinous act everywhere, whether in Charlottesville by a white man known as a Nazi sympathizer or in London by an ISIS supporter born in the country he attacked. Charlottesville was terrorism. Plain and simple. And everyone, including our national leaders, must acknowledge and treat it as such.

Together, let's show those who say it's too late—that actually—we're just getting started.

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P.S. People from many backgrounds are responsible for terrorism. Look here to better understand it.

P.P.S. White Supremacy is a phenomenon that exists among our fellow citizens. Understand its complexity and how it perpetuates hate <u>here</u>.