

every street is safe from the madness of gun violence.

And this change will not be easy because change never is. Change is never easy. It takes longer than 1 year. It takes longer than one term. It takes longer than the tenure of one President. But what we together have shown and proven is that when we stick together and put our shoulders to the wheel of history, not only is change possible, change is inevitable. America can change. And if we keep dreaming of something better and organizing for some-

thing better, if we keep voting for something better, together we're going to build on the progress we've made. We're going to create a brighter future for our children. *Si, se puede. Juntos podemos!*

Thank you, CHC—thank you, CHCI. *Que Dios los bendiga.* God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 7:55 p.m. at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. In his remarks, he referred to Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard.

Remarks Following a Meeting With Families of the Victims of the Shooting at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon

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I'm going to be very brief here. I just want to first of all say thank you to Mayor Rich. I want to thank Governor Brown. Most importantly, I want to thank the entire community and the entire State of Oregon for coming together at this terrible time to support the families.

I just had a chance to talk to them. Obviously, in moments like these, words aren't going to bring their loved ones back. But the one thing that they shared is how much they appreciate the entire UCC community coming together, how much they appreciate all their neighbors, all their friends, and people all across the country who have offered to help, sent their thoughts and their prayers.

What I just told the mayor is that if there's anything that we can do at the Federal level to help the community heal from this loss, obviously, we're going to be there. And I know that flying out here with some of the members of the Oregon delegation, they feel the same way. And the Governor, obviously, has been paying a lot of attention to how we can be most helpful to the families.

So—but there are going to be, I think, moments as we go forward where we're going to

have to come together and figure out how do we stop things like this from happening. And I've got some very strong feelings about this, because when you talk to these families, you're reminded that this could be happening to your child or your mom or your dad or your relative or your friend. And so we're going to have to come together as a country to see how we can prevent these issues from taking place.

But today, it's about the families and their grief and the love we feel for them. And they surely do appreciate all the support that they've received.

Governor Kate Brown of Oregon. Thank you.
The President. Thank you.

Mayor Larry Rich of Roseburg, OR. Thanks very much. [*Inaudible*]

The President. Thank you again. No problem. God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:41 p.m. at Roseburg High School. In his remarks, he referred to Sens. Ronald L. Wyden and Jeff Merkley; and Rep. Peter DeFazio. The related proclamation of October 2 is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.