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Calling for the designation of Antifa as a domestic terrorist organization.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. CRUZ) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Calling for the designation of Antifa as a domestic terrorist organization.

Whereas members of Antifa, because they believe that free speech is equivalent to violence, have used threats of violence in the pursuit of suppressing opposing political ideologies;

Whereas Antifa represents opposition to the democratic ideals of peaceful assembly and free speech for all;

Whereas members of Antifa have physically assaulted journalists and other individuals during protests and riots in Berkeley, California;

Whereas in February of 2018, journalist Andy Ngo was intimidated and threatened with violence by protestors affiliated with Antifa;

Whereas, on June 29, 2019, while covering demonstrations in Portland, Oregon, journalist Andy Ngo was physically attacked by protestors affiliated with Antifa;

Whereas employees of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (referred to in this preamble as “ICE”) were subjected to doxxing and violent threats after their social media profiles, phone numbers, and home addresses were posted on the internet by left wing activists;

Whereas according to the Wall Street Journal, an ICE officer was followed by left wing activists and “confronted when he went to pick up his daughter from summer camp”, and another “had his name and photo plastered on flyers outside his home accusing him of being part of the ‘Gestapo’”;

Whereas the ICE office in southwest Portland, Oregon, was shut down for days due to threats and occupation by Antifa members;

Whereas Rose City Antifa, an Antifa group founded in 2007 in Portland, Oregon, explicitly rejects the authority of law enforcement officers in the United States, and Federal, State, and local governments, to protect free speech and stop acts of violence;

Whereas Rose City Antifa rejects the civil treatment of individuals the group labels as fascists, stating: “We can’t just argue against them; we have to prevent them from organizing by any means necessary.”; and

Whereas there is no place for violence in the discourse between people in the United States, or in any civil society, because the United States is a place where there is a diversity of ideas and opinions: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) calls for the groups and organizations
2 across the country who act under the banner of
3 Antifa to be designated as domestic terrorist organi-
4 zations;

5 (2) unequivocally condemns the violent actions
6 of Antifa groups as unacceptable acts for anyone in
7 the United States;

8 (3) expresses the need for the peaceful commu-
9 nication of varied ideas in the United States;

10 (4) urges any group or organizations in the
11 United States to voice its opinions without using vio-
12 lence or threatening the health, safety, or well-being
13 of any other persons, groups, or law enforcement of-
14 ficers in the United States; and

15 (5) calls upon the Federal Government to re-
16 double its efforts, using all available and appropriate
17 tools, to combat the spread of all forms of domestic
18 terrorism, including White supremacist terrorism.

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