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**Congresswoman Barbara Lee  
Day of Remembrance Statement  
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It is with a heavy heart that I offer you this statement today as our community comes together to remember transgender people who have been victims of violence.

This Day of Remembrance brings us here not only to offer support to those who have lost loved ones, but to begin working toward healthier communities for us all.

The discrimination that all too often contributes to these heinous acts must be addressed through public education and a sustained effort to combat attitudes that can lead to violence.

Losing the people we love to murder is a tragedy too great for us as a community to accept, and we must be unified in our work to prevent these atrocious acts.

My thoughts and prayers are with those who are mourning these heartbreaking losses, and it is my hope that the spirits of those we remember here today have found peace.

I thank you all for being here, and for your ongoing commitment to creating a safe and healthy community for all.

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