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Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to extend my warmest greetings as you gather to welcome and exhibit a Memorial Torah Scroll from the Czech town of Kolín.

The Bohemian and Moravian Torahs that endured the Holocaust, which symbolize the countless communities and individuals lost to unconscionable atrocities, serve as a continuation of Jewish life, tradition, and values. Today's installation of the Kolín scroll, which dates from the late eighteenth century, is a testament to the incredible strength and regenerative spirit of the Jewish people. Remembering and teaching about the Holocaust, and other genocides, is one of the most critical responsibilities that we have as a society. It is our duty speak out on behalf of those suffering and to protect the ideals of justice, equality, and liberty that are guaranteed to all people despite their religion, race, gender, or sexual orientation. I am grateful for your commitment to education and preservation, which are our greatest tools in helping empower future generations to gain a better understanding of the past.

Thank you, and may the memory of the citizens of Kolín who perished continue to live on through the display of this Torah scroll.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C.A.B.', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

Cory A. Booker
United States Senator