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PRESS RELEASE

A Statement from Student Government Leadership

FAIRFAX, VA -- This morning, the nation woke up to the news of the horrific, saddening event that occurred around 10:30 p.m. last night at the University of Virginia. We, the Student Government Leadership Team of George Mason University, would like to extend our deepest condolences to our sister University and their student body, as well as send our condolences to the families of the victims. In the wake of this tragedy, we are reminded that Virginia universities must stand and unite as one to combat violence and keep all students, faculty, and staff members safe. Today, we deeply encourage the Mason community to check in on their friends and family in the UVA community.

The toll that an act like this can take on us as individuals and as a community is unimaginable. As we consider how this changes our lives, once again, we strongly suggest using the resources available to Mason Students such as Counseling and Psychological Services to speak with someone who can assist in coping. As we grieve, grieve openly and honestly. Today, we echo President Washington's email to the entire University in saying we are all Hoos in spirit.

Sincerely,

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RESOURCES

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) <https://caps.gmu.edu>

Student Support and Advocacy Center (SSAC) <https://ssac.gmu.edu>

Request Support Form <https://ssac.gmu.edu/support-request-and-referrals>

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