

Rebecca Seawright



The following statement was issued by Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright:

"As we try to make sense of the senseless shootings in the Chabad of Poway Synagogue in California, the horrible bombings in three Sri Lanka cities on Easter Sunday and the slaughtering of Muslims as they prayed in two mosques in New Zealand, we earnestly struggle to find the right words. We struggle because no words are sufficient, no words are adequate, and no words can describe what Rabbi Israel Goldstein recounted as "Indescribable" moments of terror as 60-year old Lori Kaye sacrificed her life to save his when she jumped between the rabbi and the shooter. Whether it be the singular act of a lone terrorist or the culmination of heartless planning by a terrorist network, we must stand strong against such heinous acts. As the rabbi said in the immediate aftermath of the shootings as he got up on a chair, with both of his hands shot and bleeding, "We will not let anyone take us down. Terrorism will not take us down." I urge everyone to visit their church, synagogue, or mosque as soon as they can in a show of support for religious freedom for people of all faiths everywhere. We must not be intimidated by depravity. We must support the NYPD and related security protection at houses of worship that are so much a part of the fundamental fabric of our communities. We extend our deepest and most profound condolences to the families and friends of all those who perished or were harmed as a result of the horrific incidents of recent months. You are in our hearts and in our prayers," said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.



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