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Dear Dr. Fitzgerald and Dr. Hyde,

On behalf of the American Psychological Association (APA), we are writing to express our deep sorrow at the tragic loss of life resulting from the mass shootings of Muslims at prayer at two mosques in Christchurch. We send our condolences and support to you, to the people of New Zealand, and to all the individuals, as well as their families, friends, and communities, who were harmed by these brutal attacks.

We know there is a strong psychology community in New Zealand and express our solidarity with you in your efforts to assess and address the nation's psychological needs following the shootings. We hope that you will not hesitate to call on APA as an organization and as your Memorandum of Understanding partner if there are any ways we can help. As a first step, we would like to share several web resources from our Help Center with you:

- *Managing your distress in the aftermath of a shooting* (https://www.apa.org/helpcenter/mass-shooting)
- *Helping children manage distress in the aftermath of a shooting* (https://www.apa.org/helpcenter/aftermath)
- *How to talk to children about difficult news and tragedies* (https://www.apa.org/helpcenter/talking-to-children)
- *How much news coverage is OK for children?* (https://www.apa.org/helpcenter/news-coverage)
- *Warning signs of youth violence* (https://www.apa.org/helpcenter/warning-signs)
- *Gun Violence: Prediction, Prevention and Policy: An expert panel report* (https://www.apa.org/pubs/info/reports/gun-violence-prevention)
- *APA's Gun Violence Prevention Efforts* (https://www.apa.org/advocacy/gun-violence)

Our hearts and thoughts are with you at this most difficult time.

Yours most sincerely,



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