

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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**The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas**  
Secretary of Homeland Security  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
245 Murray Lane, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20528

**The Honorable Christopher A. Wray**  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Secretary Mayorkas and Director Wray:

As Members of Congress and Members of the Homeland Security Committee, we are expressing deep concern over the recent spate of racist, vile, and threatening text messages sent to young African Americans across the country, including on college campuses. These disturbing communications, threatening kidnapping and physical harm, not only threaten the well-being of those targeted, but the security of our nation as the messages intend to incite fear and sow division.

We appreciate the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) acknowledging the text messages and encouraging the public to report threats of physical violence to law enforcement authorities. We respectfully urge the FBI and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to evaluate the threat and take action to strengthen security measures as appropriate. Our young people deserve to pursue their education and live their lives without fear, and these terroristic actions are a stark reminder of the prevention and mitigation efforts required to preserve such rights and ensure unity, inclusivity, and respect.

We are confident that, under your leadership, DHS and FBI will continue to demonstrate the unwavering commitment to protecting every citizen from these threats. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue and for your continued dedication to the security and safety of our nation.



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Ranking Member  
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