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CRPE Stands in Solidarity with the Jewish Community *A Loss for Social Justice in the Fight Against Extremism*

Oakland, CA | October 29, 2018 -- The Center for Race, Poverty, and the Environment stands in solidarity with the Jewish community, mourning the loss of life following a mass shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh this past Saturday morning. The motivations for the attack come as no surprise; hate stoked by vitriolic extremism have led to an increase in violence in these last weeks and months. The synagogue was targeted for their support in helping immigrants and refugees from war-torn countries resettle comfortably in the United States.

At the core of the loss of is the lives of 11 people, who committed numerous acts of kindness and provided invaluable contributions for their community. Among those lost were a doctor who was a critical ally to many of his patients during the early days of the HIV/AIDS crisis, brothers who worked at community-based non-profits, Jewish elders who spent their lives welcoming new community members, and a dentist who provided pro bono services to refugees, immigrants and other underserved patients.

As we try to process this grief, we are reminded that ongoing violence and oppression are interconnected and inextricably links us to one another. Whether refugees due to climate or conflict, every human deserves to live in safety. Each week, we are seemingly retasked with processing a new trauma, a new threat, or a new violation of our humanity. We hope that the Jewish community, the city of Pittsburgh, this nation, and this earth can find healing soon.

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