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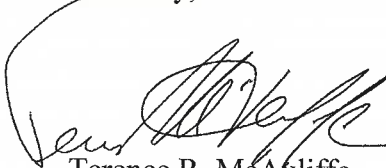
In the wake of the incomprehensible tragedy in Las Vegas, I write to urge the Virginia congressional delegation to block dangerous legislation that would make these tragedies even more deadly and the deranged individuals who carry them out even more difficult for law enforcement to stop.

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The U.S. House of Representatives is preparing a vote to eliminate federal restrictions on the use of firearm silencers. If passed, H.R. 3668, the Sportsmen Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act (SHARE), would encourage the use of devices that suppress the sound of gunfire, making it much more difficult to identify, find and stop shooters like the man who killed more than 50 people in Las Vegas on Sunday. This was a horrendous attack, but it could have been even worse.

As elected officials, we must do everything in our power to prevent something like this from happening ever again. But the first step should be to block legislation that would make heinous acts like this even easier to commit. On behalf of the people of Virginia, I urge you to vote "no" on the SHARE Act when it comes before you.

Sincerely,



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