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Opening Statement of Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney
Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
Hearing on “Confronting White Supremacy (Part VII): The Evolution of Anti-Democratic Extremist Groups and the Ongoing Threat to Democracy”
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Thank you, Chairman Raskin for holding this incredibly important hearing. Your leadership of this subcommittee has been exemplary, and I look forward to following the work you will do moving forward.

White supremacy is one of the most insidious threats to our democracy today. Both the FBI and DHS recognize white supremacy as the deadliest domestic terror threat facing the United States.

According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, there are more than 733 hate groups operating in the United States today. This includes:

- 98 white nationalist groups;
- 61 antisemitic groups;
- 50 anti-Muslim groups;
- 65 anti-LGBTQI+ groups;
- 16 neo-Confederate groups; and
- 18 Ku Klux Klan groups.

Hate is on the rise. That is why it is critical that Congress continue to shed light on this growing cancer and come up with substantive solutions to address hate and violence. We may disagree on politics, but there is no room in this country for discrimination, violence, and unbridled hate.

Thank you again Chairman Raskin for holding this vital hearing.

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