



## Statement on Mass Shooting in Boulder, CO

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**Boulder, Colorado-** Yesterday, 10 lives were lost and many were wounded in a mass shooting. Here, at the National Center, we are at a loss. We're searching for the words to adequately express the complex emotions and pain that we feel. 10 lives lost, including a first responder. This mass shooting comes at the heels of the violence in Atlanta, a profound loss that occurred less than a week ago. We have only begun to grieve for the victims in Atlanta, and to acknowledge what that loss means for AAPI communities, many of whom feel unsafe going about their daily lives.

All of this, on top of an isolating pandemic, is a lot to process. It may be easier not to acknowledge it at all, to feel numb, empty, to push down those feelings and emotions. But we can't lose our compassion and our deep sense of community.

We need to care for ourselves, our communities and each other. We need to seek justice for the victims of these acts and make sure that the justice system treats these victims and their families with the respect and courtesy that they deserve. Thoughts, prayers and rote sympathy are inadequate.

In the wake of this compounded trauma, please know that there are resources available. VictimConnect, our national hotline, is open to assist visitors from 7:30AM-8:30AM EST.

<https://victimconnect.org/>