

The Honorable Allison Silberberg's June 14, 2017, statement about the shooting.

A Shocking Day

This has been a shocking day for our beloved city and country. First, our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to Congressman Scalise and all those injured this morning during a baseball practice on Simpson Field in the Del Ray neighborhood of Alexandria. We join their loved ones in hoping for their swift and full recovery.

We are deeply grateful to the U.S. Capitol Police and all our first responders, including the Alexandria Police Department, the Alexandria Fire/EMS, and the Alexandria Sheriff's Department. Together, they did an outstanding job and saved lives. Their courage under fire is nothing less than remarkable.

As a city of kindness and compassion, we are blessed that our city is peaceful and resilient. The outpouring of love and support from the community and from around our nation demonstrates that we are all united against such acts of violence.

The FBI is in charge of the investigation. Our Alexandria Police Department, the Sheriff's Department, other public safety agencies, and any related city resources are fully deployed to help the FBI as they investigate.

There will be a walk of solidarity tonight in Del Ray and community healing events at different locations in our city. I encourage everyone to participate as we stand together.

We are all thinking of those who were injured.