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A Letter from our Board Members

Dear Kevin,

We are proud of the work the National Institute for Civil Discourse (NICD) has done in moving the needle on incivility and political dysfunction in the right direction. In order to meet NICD's mission of promoting and advocating public and political discourse, a multi-tiered strategy is required. By focusing on transforming perceptions and behaviors among the media, elected officials, and the public, we *can and have* made a positive difference.

Given NICD's mission, the organization is uniquely positioned to assume a national role in assisting our country through these tumultuous times. There has never been a more crucial and necessary time in history for civility in dialogue rather than division. Your support enables us to continue doing what we do best - bringing people with different perspectives together to discuss difficult issues while utilizing principles of civil discourse to better allow us to move forward together.

NICD has a proven record of success. Our programs are bringing diverse groups of people together for difficult conversations. By listening for understanding, Americans on all sides of an issue can begin to better understand their fellow citizen's perspectives which allows them to work

together moving forward. Our Revive Civility work during the 2016 election up until now has raised awareness of, and drawn attention to, the need to talk to each other - not at each other. And our Next Generation program continues to bring state legislators together from both sides of the aisle to view one another first as people, who all set out to be public servants for similar reasons, rather than opponents, even enemies.

As we say goodbye to 2018, we know we are moving into uncharted waters in 2019. We are optimistic that, working together, more civility and political discourse will find return to its rightful place. Please consider a generous year-end financial gift to advance NICD's vital mission. [Make your gift now.](#)

The Honorable
Olympia Snowe,
Board Member

The Honorable
Tom Daschle,
Board Member

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