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To the Families of the Victims and Survivors of the Tragedy at Virginia Tech,

I want to thank those of you I had a chance to meet with recently and for the continued friendship of everyone I've been fortunate enough to meet over the past two years. The tragic events of April 16, 2007 changed forever the lives of your families and touched the lives of countless others. As a father of four, I know what it's like to worry about your child's safety, though I can only imagine what it's like to see your worst fears become reality.

In the last few weeks, some of you have spoken with me or with members of my staff about the recent discovery of the mental health records of Seung Hui Cho. I wanted to let you and the other families of victims and survivors know where I stand on the issue and ask for your thoughts on the best way to move forward.

I believe we need to make sure we fully understand the events of that day and pursue every possible action that could reduce the risk of future violence on college campuses. When this new information is released, I will support efforts to share these records with the Virginia Tech Review Panel to determine whether or not these records shed additional light on the panel's original findings. If the new information has the potential to alter the conclusions in the panel's final report, I will support efforts to formally reconvene the panel to update the report.

I look forward to working with you on this issue and to listening to your concerns. If there is anything I can do to help in this matter, I hope you will not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely yours,

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