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Yesterday America walked through the eye of terror's perfect storm.

Thousands of American families were hideously drafted into a war that they, and most of us, only dimly perceived and little understood.

But today we emerge from the ashes of hate and the horror of evil reminded that America has an historical mission in the world -- to hold up freedom's light and defend it against every and all attempts to snuff it out.

William Lloyd Garrison once said:

With reasonable men, I will reason; with humane men I will plead; but to tyrants I will give no quarter, nor waste arguments where they will certainly be lost.

Today, the Congress is saying, for the world to hear, that

With reasonable men we will reason;
With humane men we will plead;
But to agents of modern terror, we will give no quarter nor waste our arguments.

Thank you.

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