



# WESTERN STATES SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

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September 12, 2025

Turning Point USA,

On behalf of the Western States Sheriffs Association, I want to tell you all how deeply saddened we are, as Sheriffs, at the tragic murder of Charlie Kirk.

Charlie epitomized the true heart of a patriot. A man who lived his life with a greater cause and freely spoke his ideas to all who chose to hear him. Charlie's gift of open debate was embraced by millions, even those who were inclined to debate and still maintain their own set of beliefs. Very few people exhibit the genuine gift of debate. Very few people exhibit the ability to transform an individual's belief paradigms. Charlie's energy and commitment will continue to inspire, even in his absence.

Charlie will forever be a part of our country's story and as such he will always be honored. We pray in the days ahead; a country will find comfort in the treasured memories and in knowing that he blessed the world in the precious time he spent with us. Charlie's inspiration will live on through his loved ones and those who were touched by him.

Charlie's sacrifice will never be forgotten, and his soul has been returned to the heavens where he may fly forever free.

We are praying for a better world!

We are grieving with a shattered world!

With deepest condolences,

*Mark J. Dannels*

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