

# Letter: Standing Together in Opposition of Acts of Hatred and Discord

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## An Open Letter: Standing Together in Opposition to Acts of Hatred and Discord Calvert County, MD

The undersigned coalition of Calvert County organizations and citizens are appalled and deeply saddened that an individual/individuals have attempted to breed hatred and discord among members of this community.

The recent discovery of five (5) tied hangman nooses at the Dominion Cove Point facility, the discovery of a swastika and the emblem "KKK" in Calvert County facilities, reflect a bygone era of segregation, intimidation, and alienation. This repugnant repetition of history is not welcomed, will not be tolerated and certainly will not be ignored by the silence of the evolving, multi-cultural community of Calvert County.

Let us remind ourselves of the most profound document ever written in world history – The Declaration of Independence.

This most precious document clearly states:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Standing together in support of the Calvert County NAACP, we strongly proclaim that those responsible for these hateful acts will not deny our freedoms, rights and protections by perpetrating these baseless injustices that are outside of civility and our community norms.

The undersigned feel compelled to address this to the broader community because in America "Justice denied to some is justice denied to all."  
With one-voice we stand in unity condemning these shameful, inhuman acts on the dignity of our community.

Signed:

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