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Estimados Amigos de el Colegios Oficiales de Psicólogos (COP):

On behalf of the American Psychological Association (APA), I am writing to express our deep sorrow regarding the recent acts of terrorism in Barcelona and Cambrils. This letter is to convey our empathy and solidarity to you, our Spanish colleagues, the Spanish people and all victims of terrorism, as well as to extend our respect and appreciation to the officials who responded bravely to the attacks. We send you APA's concern and support as you, and the Spanish psychological community, address the immediate and longer-term psychological effects of these heinous acts.

We recognize psychology is highly developed as a profession in Spain and that you have a strong psychology community throughout the country. As your MOU partner, APA welcomes you to call on us as an organization if there are ways in which we may be useful to you in your efforts to assess and address psychological needs subsequent to the attacks in Barcelona and Cambrils. Of some note is that the Puente family comes from Cubelles.

We would like to share a web resource that is part of the APA "Help Center" addressed to the public, should the links to related materials be useful to you:

<http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/disaster/index.aspx>.

APA leadership was fortunate to interact with the Consejo General of COP just last month in Oviedo and to develop collegial working relationships and friendships during this time. Not only as colleagues, but as your friends, we want you to know that our hearts are with you.

Very sincerely,

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