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I want to thank Catholic Charities for its work to inject a much-needed dose of compassion into all of our daily lives with your "Locks of Compassion" initiative.

This type of work has taken on great importance because of the times we live in, and the deep divisions that are forming in our society. All too often, our children witness leaders who not only seek to sow division, but also use their power to follow a truly uncompassionate course.

Your initiative takes the opposite approach, by showing our children - in Minnesota and beyond - the power of compassion and the role it can play in bringing people together and creating change.

Thank you for doing this important work, and I wish you all the best as you carry out this important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Tina Smith
U.S. Senator