I was stunned to arrive in Arizona for the Oregon football game only to be greeted by the news of the shooting of my friend and colleague, Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, as well as members of her staff and other victims. Having worked with her in Tucson, I have seen firsthand the bond between Gabby and her community. She is a moderate, thoughtful leader committed to bringing people together to make progress in challenging times and in a tough political climate. It is in Gabby's nature that the attack occurred as she was meeting with constituents she has served so well. Gabby is a new, fresh and innovative force both in Arizona and in Washington, DC who represents the best of the next generation of American leadership. We are keeping Gabby and the other victims of this terrible attack in our thoughts and prayers, and are hopeful that Gabby will recover and be able to resume her important work in Congress.