

Rep. Hesselbein: Statement on Kenosha shooting and Special Session

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MADISON – Representative Dianne Hesselbein (D-Middleton) calls for action in the aftermath of the shooting of Jacob Blake in Kenosha, and Governor Tony Evers’ call for a special session:

“Last night, many witnessed the terrifying display of violent brutality against Jacob Blake in Kenosha. People across our nation watched in disbelief as Jacob Blake was shot in the back multiple times in front of his children. This is yet another shocking wake up call for the overdue and undone work we must undertake to dismantle systemic racism. I pray for Jacob Blake, and his family as he fights for his life.

“Today, Governor Evers called for a special session to take up legislation on policing accountability and transparency. I join in his call to set politics aside and push for legislative action. This session, proactive proposals were introduced, aimed at addressing inequities in our current system. In June, the Legislative Black Caucus outlined a series of policies that we could take up this session in a letter to Governor Evers. I stand with the Black Caucus in their efforts. We need action. It is our responsibility to pass meaningful reform.