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MADISON, Wis. — As Afghans who served alongside our soldiers seek refuge in America, Wisconsin Republicans like Derrick Van Orden and Tom Tiffany have put out divisive statements that are not in line with Wisconsin's values.

### **Democratic Party of Wisconsin Interim Executive Director Devin Remiker** released the following statement in response:

“The scenes unfolding in Afghanistan are painful and gut-wrenching; and in this time, we should all treat each other with empathy and compassion. Hate and bigotry have no place in Wisconsin – and Republicans like Derrick Van Orden and Tom Tiffany are trying to divide us when we should be coming together. That’s not leadership – that’s cowardice.

“Over the next few weeks, as many Afghans who served alongside our soldiers seek refuge here and the brave Wisconsinites who served our country return home, we should be ready to welcome every single person with patience and kindness, regardless of race or immigration status.

“President Biden is leading by example to speak out for basic human rights, promote regional diplomacy, and provide humanitarian aid. We’re proud of his example, and offer our support to our veterans, diplomats, humanitarian workers, and refugees.”