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Enough is Enough

Madison, WI — Senator Chris Kapenga (R-Delafield) released the following statement addressing the violence and destruction in Madison.

“Over the last month, we have witnessed blind destructive rage take control of the Democratic Party. Last night, a violent mob had free reign over the City of Madison as they vandalized the capitol for a second time, tore down a statue of an abolitionist who fought to end slavery, assaulted a Democratic state senator, attempted to burn a county building and more. My office and many others on the ground floor of the Capitol had windows broken as rioters tried to gain entry and cause even more destruction.

While the Governor slept in his estate, the statehouse was under siege. We need a leader, not an apologist. Governor Evers and Mayor Rhodes-Conway have enabled this destructive and violent behavior through consistent inaction and appeasement. What will it take for Governor Evers to see that these are not protests, they are violent riots? He cannot keep talking out of both sides of his mouth.

These criminals need to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, and be ordered to pay restitution to repair the damage. For those local governments seeking to reduce police funding to appease these violent actions, I will be looking at reductions in state aid to their budgets.

Based on media reports, it also appears that it took nearly two and half hours for the Madison police to respond and disperse the crowd. This is simply unacceptable. If the Madison Police were told to stand down while the destruction was happening, I will also be advocating for a reduction in state aid to cover the costs of the damage.

The leaders of these riots are demanding the police be defunded and officers to be fired before the destruction and violence ends. I will always support the right to peacefully protest, but this group has shown no intention of remaining peaceful, and enough is enough. Governor Evers needs to call in the National Guard today and take back control!”

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Senator Kapenga represents the 33rd Senate District, which covers most of central Waukesha County and Lake Country.