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## Rep. Dittrich Expresses Outrage at Kenosha Response

*Calls on Governor Evers AGAIN to protect Wisconsinites from Violent Riots*

**Oconomowoc** – Representative Barbara Dittrich (*R – Oconomowoc*) issued the following statement expressing her outrage regarding the incidents and loss of life in Kenosha last night as well as Governor Evers’ lack of adequate response:

“Since the start of the riots sparked by the George Floyd incident earlier this summer, I have been hard at work, speaking with community members, law enforcement, and fellow legislators to begin healing the fractures and rebuilding public trust.

“Such an intense summer of racial division and riotous violence requires prudence and steady discernment on how to proceed from every side. Sadly, that is not what we have been receiving from Wisconsin’s executive branch. Tony Evers and Mandela Barnes have condemned law enforcement involved in Sunday’s tragic incident involving Jacob Blake while fully admitting they do not yet have all of the facts.

“Due to Gov. Evers and Lt. Gov. Barnes’ fueling of hatred and woeful inaction, the City of Kenosha looks like a war zone. Tuesday night, August 25<sup>th</sup>, three citizens were shot in the streets, two of whom ultimately lost their lives. This is wholly unacceptable treatment of this serious issue. Even Jacob Blake’s own family has called for peace since Day 1 of this incident, something sadly missing from Wisconsin’s executive branch.

“As a result of this anarchy, violence, and destruction, I call on Gov. Evers to **immediately** do the following: 1) Honor Kenosha’s request by providing the 1,500 troop reinforcements they have requested to restore order in the community; 2) Contact the president and accept the federal assistance offered on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>; 3) Use some of the remaining federal CARES Act dollars to purchase police body cameras, thereby restoring some safety to a community where people are putting them at undue risk of contracting COVID-19 with their rioting.

“Going forward, I would further urge the executive branch along with legislators to have a wider, more productive conversation on addressing racial fractures rather than politicizing policing and insisting on only one approach. I have volunteered to serve on an Assembly task force addressing such issues formed by Speaker Vos. Wisconsin deserves a peaceable, unifying approach rather than the continued violence and destruction.”

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