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Rep. McGuire Statement on Violence in Kenosha

MADISON – Rep. Tip McGuire issued the following statement on the tragic violence that occurred last night in Kenosha:

“The violence in our streets this week escalated tragically last night. Two Wisconsinites are dead and another person is wounded due to an armed vigilante. Like you, I am angry at the violence that has torn and terrorized our community, and am horrified at the continued loss of life and physical violence our community has witnessed.

“Let me be clear: homicide in our streets is unacceptable. Before this week even began, Kenosha had already witnessed far too many shootings and death. Last night's tragedy brought outside agitators into our community, brandishing firearms. The individual accused of shooting and killing two people last night has been taken into custody, but the reverberations from the lives lost will impact this community forever. Violence breeds violence, and it must end.

“I am once again calling for peace, unity, and non-violence in our streets. We cannot support those who have come to our city to loot, burn and destroy small businesses, displacing people from their homes. Those are acts of violence, and should be condemned.

“For days now, Jacob Blake's family and other leaders in the black community have had their calls for peace ignored. All of this violence has thoroughly distracted from the event that started all of this. It is time to stop the violence so our community can come together to grieve and to work for the systemic change we seek.”

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