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WISCONSIN STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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Rep. McGuire Statement on Charging Decision by Kenosha County District Attorney

MADISON – Rep. Tip McGuire made the following statement on the Kenosha County District Attorney’s charging decision in the shooting of Jacob Blake:

“After a thorough investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, independent investigators, and the Kenosha County District Attorney’s office, Kenosha County District Attorney Mike Graveley came to the determination that current law does not support a charge of the Kenosha Police Officer who shot Jacob Blake.

Our community was shocked by the shooting of Jacob Blake, and the deaths of protesters on our streets. The tragedies that have plagued Kenosha this year have made this an incredibly challenging time for our city. Now more than ever, we will need to work and heal together.

I want to express my gratitude to those who choose to express their viewpoints peacefully. I am optimistic that peaceful protesters, the National Guard, and our local first responders will work together to avoid escalation, and to prevent the violence that only serves to create anger, fear, and distrust.

I have been encouraged to see all of the ways that our community has come together in this time, as well as the initial efforts by the county and city to reduce racial disparities. There is still much work to be done to move our community and our state forward, including in our criminal justice system, healthcare and education systems, and in accessing economic opportunity. I firmly believe that Kenosha’s best days are still ahead of us, and I hope that we can unite to create positive change from this difficult time.”

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