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Rep. Sanfelippo Concerned About Ongoing Violence in Milwaukee

MADISON, Wis. – After another weekend of violence in Milwaukee, with at least four people fatally shot and 13 others injured, Rep. Joe Sanfelippo (R–New Berlin) issued the following statement:

"It is heartbreaking to see further explosions of violence in the City of Milwaukee over the weekend. These instances of violent crime continue to reoccur so frequently that many have become numb to the horrific amount of people who suffer the impacts of the lawless behavior. Over the past few legislative sessions, I have introduced over a dozen bills aimed at curbing violent crime. These proposals have included concrete and sensible solutions for addressing the core issues behind the ongoing violence by making it harder for criminals to get their hands on guns, keeping repeat offenders off of the streets, protecting victims and witnesses from intimidation, and introducing accountability and transparency measures into our criminal justice system.

"Unfortunately, many of these necessary changes continue to fall on deaf ears. Until we take real action to prioritize the safety of the innocent people in our neighborhoods and begin to address the many fundamental problems in our criminal justice system, we are resigning ourselves and our communities to further never-ending cycles of violence."

Providing public safety is one of the fundamental responsibilities of government. The local elected officials in Milwaukee are failing to live up to this obligation which is why I am calling on Governor Evers to activate the WI National Guard to help restore safety in Milwaukee neighborhoods. The vast majority of citizens living in Milwaukee are peace-loving, law-abiding citizens who deserve better than to live and work in a warzone-like setting.

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The 15th Assembly District includes most of West Allis and the northern half of New Berlin.