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## Members of the Wisconsin Legislative LGBTQ Caucus Releases Statement on the Fifth Anniversary of the Pulse Nightclub Shooting

MADISON - Tomorrow marks five years since the Pulse Nightclub mass shooting in Orlando, Florida — one of the deadliest mass shootings in U.S. history. In the early hours of June 12, 2016, 49 people were killed and 53 people were injured at one of Orlando's most popular gay nightclubs. The shooting occurred during the club's Latin Night, and many of those killed were both Latino and LGBTQ+.

Members of the Wisconsin Legislative LGBTQ caucus released the following statement in remembrance of those who were killed or injured at the Pulse Nightclub shooting:

"Today, we join the nation in remembering and mourning the lives lost on June 12, 2016. Gun violence and violence toward the LGBTQ+ and BIPOC communities remain a pressing issue in our communities — an issue that our nation and our state have failed to adequately address. As legislators, we must commit to building a safer, more equitable society where individuals are free to embrace their authentic selves freely without fear of violence or harm. We must continue the difficult work of advancing common-sense gun violence prevention measures in an effort to increase safety for all."