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(MADISON)—Today, Senator Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) issued the following statement related to Senator Patrick Testin’s politicization of the arrival of Afghan refugees in Wisconsin in [a letter addressed to Governor Evers from August 20, 2021](#):

“I can’t begin to describe how deeply disappointed I am in the politicization and polarization of Senator Testin’s letter on so many levels.

“Here’s a Senate Health Committee Chairman who didn’t bother to even hold a public hearing on COVID-19 for almost 11 months in the midst of the worst pandemic in a century. 6,769 Wisconsinites lost their lives to COVID-19 during the 329 days that Senator Testin sat on his hands and did nothing to use the powers of the Senate Health Committee to address the pandemic unfolding before our eyes in 2020.

“His choice to do nothing contributed to one of the deadliest years in American history. Now Senator Testin demands to know immediately what the plans and actions are of a rapidly changing world crisis in Afghanistan.

“He is playing the partisan blame game on the issue of safely evacuating Afghan interpreters and their families who assisted in helping protect our US Troops out of the country that we have been at war in for two decades.

“It seems like almost every day Republicans are hitting new lows while attempting to score cheap political points. It is more important to reach out to others to give support and understanding, than to make things worse by politicizing and polarizing tragedy.

“A Statesmen has the courage to fight for what is right for a better future. A politician selfishly exploits a tragedy solely for the next election.”

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