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Rep. Robyn Vining Statement One Year After Jacob Blake Shooting

MADISON – A year ago, on August 23rd, 2020, Jacob Blake was shot seven times and seriously injured by a Kenosha Police Officer. State Representative Robyn Vining (D-Wauwatosa) released the following statement regarding the shooting a year later:

"This week in Wisconsin, we are remembering the events of a year ago. It began when Jacob Blake was shot 7 times in the back by a police officer as children looked on, and continued as three protesters were allegedly shot, two allegedly murdered, by an armed minor from Illinois. A year later Blake remains paralyzed, Joseph Rosenbaum and Anthony Huber are gone, and another man lives on with a serious injury from gun violence, and members across our community are mourning.

"I am thinking of the community, a year later, as people continue to work to heal, and work towards change. This week last year was a dark week for Wisconsin, a week of tremendous loss for our state, and for the city of Kenosha. And this week we remember, we mourn, and we acknowledge both the progress, and the need to continue to fight for a more safe and just world for every person.

"I appreciate the work of my colleagues in the legislature and community leaders pushing for meaningful change and action over the last year in the areas of policing violence, and gun violence. But we must remain steadfast -- we must not settle for the small changes initiated this year -- there remains work to be done. The goal we have before us is clear: to create a world where it is very clear that Black Lives Matter."

Rep. Vining represents the 14th Assembly District, which includes parts of Brookfield, Wauwatosa, and Milwaukee. For more information, visit Rep. Vining's website <u>here.</u>

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