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EVERS COMMUTES LIFE SENTENCES FOR VIOLENT CRIMINALS

Polk County - Senator-Elect Erik Severson (R-Star Prairie) released the following statement expressing outrage after Governor Tony Evers shortened the life sentences of 14 violent criminals, including 10 murderers, commuting sentences for the first time in 30 years.

“In one of his final acts as Governor, Tony Evers has failed Wisconsin families once again, putting dangerous criminals in a position to re-enter our communities. These weren’t people who were wrongfully convicted or who committed non-violent offenses; these are criminals who took away people’s lives, ruined families and were convicted in a court of law and sentenced to life terms that were appropriate for their crimes.

Unfortunately, this is unlikely to be the last we hear from Governor Evers and his Advisory Board, who have heard dozens more commutation requests from murderers, robbers, arsonists and drug dealers looking to get off easy, despite being given sentences that were fair and included the possibility of parole or extended supervision, but evidently these violent criminals need to be released back into our communities even sooner – regardless of the work done by law enforcement, District Attorneys and Judges who ensured justice for victims.

That justice has now been thrown out the window by Governor Evers, whose lasting legacy will be putting criminals over communities.”

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