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Civil Unrest Shows That We Need to Take a Look at Law Enforcement Reform

(Sun Prairie) - Prolonged, widespread protests have been organized in every single state in America as people all over the country are taking to the streets to protest racial inequality and police brutality, sparked by the death of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis Police Department officer. Unfortunately, though the vast majority of protests have been peaceful, they have nonetheless been met with a heavy hand by police across the country, escalating the situation and putting lives in danger. Rep Gary Hebl (D-Sun Prairie) released the following statement in response:

It is evident that the time is now to consider reforms to ensure accountability and transparency in policing, to ensure the safety of both protestors and law enforcement officers, and reiterate the constitutional right of Americans to peacefully protest.

Too many lives have been senselessly taken- Michael Brown, Tony Robinson, Sandra Bland, Eric Garner, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and George Floyd, to name just a few of the too-long and seemingly ever-increasing list.

I am constantly learning how to become a better ally to those affected by systematic injustice. The only way we can address the situation head on is if we are willing and able to listen to the people who have lived their lives affected by oppression. This is an issue that the legislature must tackle, and I hope that next session we have a legislature that is willing to make tough decisions on how to overhaul policing in Wisconsin.

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