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Rep. Jerry O'Connor's Statement on the Attempted Assassination of President Trump

MADISON – Representative Jerry O'Connor (R-Fond du Lac) released the following statement on the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump

“On Saturday afternoon a gunman opened fire on a Trump campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania. Former President Trump and three rallygoers were wounded. Tragically, Corey Comperatore was killed. Corey, a volunteer firefighter, died heroically protecting his daughters from gunfire.

Luanne and I had just turned on the Trump rally in PA and a minute later we saw the attempted assassination. Join us in our prayers for President Trump, the families of those impacted by this senseless act of violence, and for America.

The attempted assassination came as a great shock, but not as a surprise. The irrational hatred for our political opponents, which can most easily be observed in the hatred for Trump and his supporters has gotten out of hand. A half-inch, a slight turn, and by the grace of God our country was spared from an unspeakable tragedy, the consequences of which may be too terrible to contemplate.

As a people, we are better than this. Political violence is never acceptable and goes against the very principles our great nation was founded upon. Such heinous acts and hatred of one another undermine our values and are unworthy of America. As Americans, we believe in law and order, peaceful discourse, and the democratic process.

Let's stand united in condemning all forms of hatred and political violence and work together to uphold the civility and respect for one another that have made us the greatest in the history of the world.

As President Reagan once said, “A nation’s greatness is not measured by its gross national product or military power, but by the strength of its devotion to the principles and values that bind its people and define their character.”

Let us pray for the families of those affected by this abhorrent attack on our democracy. From this tragedy, let us take increased devotion to the principles and values that our nation proudly stands for.

May God bless America as we strive to move forward together.”

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