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**Assassination Attempt**

This past weekend, former President Donald J. Trump was holding a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania when a 20 year old man attempted to assassinate him. At around 6:11 PM (EST), six minutes into his speech, President Trump and supporters were subject to multiple flying bullets. This sad state of events, killed an individual at the rally, injured another, and maimed President Trump in the right ear. Had President Trump not turned his head seconds before the shots rang out, the likelihood of him being alive right now would be slim to none.

In the most direct sense of the phrase: I completely condemn these actions and nefarious deeds. There is absolutely no place for this kind of violence, anger, and animosity in politics or our nation for that matter. No issue is so important or so intense that the only solution is bloodshed and brutality. I am completely appalled and I join all senators, representatives, and world leaders in their cries for unity, harmony, and peace.

An incident like this should never occur and because of the unintellectual decision making of one person, a family is now without a dad, husband, and family member. Corey Comperatore was a former firefighter and died protecting his family. Corey’s memory and legacy will be etched in history and his name will be synonymous with bravery, courage, and valor. I can confidently say Corey Comperatore died a hero and we will not forget him.

This singular moment almost fractured the very foundation of American democracy and our incredible resolve was tested. America, as always, stepped up to the plate and united on the fact that no one deserves the certificate of an untimely death. While our presidential candidates can at times be polarizing and opinionated, it is what they have in common that makes them everyday citizens like you and me.

President Trump and President Joe Biden are fathers, husbands, grandpas, and Americans. They are seeking to move our nation past an era of vitriol, disdain, and malevolence and towards an era of compassion, benevolence, and integrity. I am convinced that our nation can once again rise from the ashes of hatred, hate, and hostility.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to reach to my office at [Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wi.gov](mailto:Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wi.gov).

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