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## It's About Respect

2020 has been one rollercoaster of a year with the COVID-19 pandemic to actual rioting in the streets across our great state and this nation.

In our mostly rural communities in the 92nd Assembly District, we are watching what is going on across Wisconsin on the news and social media as buildings in Kenosha burn, statues in Madison are pulled down and businesses in our state are being looted. Our communities are not immune from what is happening in other parts of the state.

During this time of civil unrest, it is important to not fan the flames both literally and metaphorically. To say it plain and clear, violence is never acceptable. Committing arson and stealing from hardworking people as well as destroying businesses needs to be condemned and recognized as an illegal and unjust form of 'protest.' We need to be able to come together and have meaningful peaceful discussions on what needs to be changed and what needs to be understood on both sides. All perspectives coming together can create solutions that are long-lasting, reasonable, respectful and impactful.

Our responses to evolving situations in our state and America cannot be based solely on emotions. We all come from different backgrounds and have varying experiences whether that be from separate economic statuses, family dynamics, races, disabilities among others. All of us have unique perspectives on issues facing us daily.

Our law enforcement officers get up every day knowing full well that this may be their last. Bad cops should be rooted out, but the majority of police officers are serving their communities and protecting the most vulnerable. After many discussions with the citizens of the 92nd Assembly District, I believe that law enforcement has overwhelming support. They deserve a seat at the table to help craft policy as well. I would encourage people to look at police officers not just as a badge and a gun but also as human beings who have families as well.

Respect goes both ways and while we have work to do, violent actions will not be tolerated.

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns.

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