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## **Statement on Protestors Outside of GOP Debate** Protestors Cross the Line of Decency

“On the eve of Veteran’s Day and the 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Marine Corps, at a time when Milwaukee and Wisconsin should be celebrating our country for being at the epicenter of our democratic process, protestors chose to disrespect the very symbol of that democracy.

“It is reprehensible that any elected official would encourage this behavior by proudly posting pictures of the flag being trampled upon. The protestors and the elected officials that condone their actions should be ashamed of what they did. While the protestors may have been within their rights to trample on and burn the flag, that does not excuse their actions. They showed their disdain for our country, our rule of law, and the brave men and women who have fought and died for their rights.

“I want to thank the Milwaukee police officers who intervened, and treated the flag with the respect and reverence it deserves. “

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