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Rep. Bowen Statement on Passing of Quanita “Tay” Jackson

*“Last Weekend, Our Milwaukee Community
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MILWAUKEE - In response to the tragic and senseless shooting death of young Milwaukee community activist Quanita “Tay” Jackson this past Sunday, State Representative David Bowen (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement:

“Last weekend, our Milwaukee community lost a shining star. Tay Jackson was a tireless advocate for her community and an outstanding role model for the youth of Milwaukee, dedicating her time and energy to making the world around her a better place. She touched the lives of many of Milwaukee’s young people through her involvement in programs including TRUE Skool, Children’s Outing Association, Fresh Empire, Program the Parks MKE, and many more. Tay was an activist for peace and non-violence, and the fact that she lost her life across the street from Moody Park, where she had spent the day before helping organize a peaceful youth basketball tournament, makes this hurt even more. I was honored to represent the Moody Park/Amani Neighborhood during my time as a County Supervisor, and my heart goes out to this wonderful part of our city during this tragic time,” said Rep. Bowen.

Jackson, only 20 years old, was killed when she was struck by stray gunfire in a drive-by shooting incident. The day before her tragic death, Jackson had posted the following message on Facebook, encouraging people to come to the basketball tournament in Moody Park: *“we just want to bring the peace and kindness to our community and to our park. It’s time to put the guns down and start bringing our loved ones and friends and family together again.”*

Continued Bowen, “My thoughts and prayers go out to Tay’s family, friends, and the countless people whose lives were made better by her contributions and positive energy. But thoughts and prayers are not enough: in Tay’s memory, and in memory of all of those who have lost their lives on our streets to needless gun violence, I am committed to fighting for common-sense gun legislation that will help make our streets safer and prevent more tragedies like this from ever happening again.”

If you or someone you know has any information about those responsible for the death of Quanita Jackson, contact Milwaukee Police immediately at 414-935-7360 (you can remain anonymous). A memorial service for Ms. Jackson will be held next Tuesday, September 3, at 2:00pm at the Community Baptist Church located at 2249 N. Sherman Blvd Milwaukee, WI, 53208.

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