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Statement on Peaceful Events

KENOSHA – Following several contentious and chaotic nights in Kenosha, events on Wednesday night remained peaceful as large groups of citizens exercised the rights afforded to them under the First Amendment. In response, Representative Tod Ohnstad (D-Kenosha) provided the following statement:

“After several difficult nights in our community, I was encouraged by the relative calm last evening and am cautiously hopeful future days will be free from further violence and unnecessary destruction.

The order our city was able to maintain last night was realized because all involved worked toward the common goal of exercising constitutional rights in a peaceful manner. I extend my sincere appreciation to all the participants and organizations, no matter their role, for ensuring the events remained safe. I also thank Governor Evers for the deployment of a large contingent of the Wisconsin National Guard and securing National Guard resources from surrounding states to support public safety and crowd assistance.

I was pleased to attend an event today with Reverend Jesse Jackson, who is no stranger to Kenosha. As a presidential candidate he left the Iowa caucuses to join UAW Local 72 and the community to fight the closing of the Chrysler Assembly plants. We thank him for joining us then and today as he brings his message of both justice and peace for Kenosha.

There is an urgent need for urgent action to address the very issues brought forward by the shooting of Jacob Blake. We need real change and now. The special session legislation that has been proposed is an important first step that we should take immediately. Still, we know it represents only a piece of what must be done to root out systemic wrongs and I look forward to working to ensure further meaningful changes take place.

As we look to future days, I hope that Kenosha can now begin the process of repairing, rebuilding, and healing.”

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