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REP. HINTZ: STATEMENT ON JACOB BLAKE SHOOTING CHARGING DECISION BY KENOSHA DISTRICT ATTORNEY

“Last summer, Jacob Blake, an unarmed Black man, was shot seven times in the back by police officers. Today, the Kenosha County district attorney announced that no criminal charges will be brought against the law enforcement officers involved in Mr. Blake’s shooting.”

“I again express my heartfelt sympathy for Mr. Blake, whose life was unexpectedly but permanently changed last summer. Tonight and in the coming days and weeks, I will keep Mr. Blake in my mind as well as the Wisconsinites for whom Mr. Blake’s shooting feels all too familiar. We should all listen carefully to the Wisconsinites who expressed their devastation, outrage, and heartache about systemic racism in Wisconsin and who demand change.

“Black Lives Matter. As elected leaders, we work to ensure all Wisconsinites can go about daily life without fearing for their lives, no matter the color of their skin. Today’s decision reminds us that we must continue grounding ourselves in the fight to address the forces disproportionately impacting Black lives.”

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