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Rep. Sargent: Statement on Orlando Mass Shooting

MADISON – Today, Representative Melissa Sargent (D-Madison), released the following statement regarding the mass shooting in Orlando which killed 50 people and injured 53 more.

“I can’t imagine the terror and horror inside that Orlando night club early Sunday morning. I can’t imagine the fear the club-goers felt after the first shots rang out. And I can’t imagine the chill that family members and friends experienced when they saw the news alert about the shooting pop up on their phones and televisions. Their texts and calls to loved ones going unanswered.

“My heart is heavy for the victims, their families, and the LGBTQ community and their fight for equality. We mourn together with them. It is now our responsibility to learn who the victims were and carry out their legacies. These were sons and daughters – who loved and were loved. These were friends, neighbors, and co-workers – passionate about life, whose most basic freedom was taken from them. It is now incumbent upon all of us to make the world a better place to honor and remember them for who they were and what they cared about.

“The time for hashtag politics and empty wishes of ‘thoughts and prayers’ with no action is over. I will not be honoring these victims with moments of silence. I will be honoring them with my voice and my actions. We must immediately address this public health crisis of gun violence in America.”

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