



SCOTT ALLEN

REPRESENTATIVE • 97TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

The Honorable Josh Kaul
Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin
17 W. Main St.
Madison, WI 53703
VIA EMAIL

8 September 2021

Dear Mr. Attorney General Kaul:

While heated debate is common and accepted under the First Amendment, there is a line between protected speech and violent threats. Last week, members of the Waukesha School Board made public allegations about threats, harassment, and intimidation regarding a district policy. One email obtained by FOX6 news allegedly listed the Board members' home addresses, and said, "All of you. targeted." These threats may have determined the direction of public policy.

Your office has indicated its concern about threats of violence against elected officials, including school board members—at least in regards to districts implementing COVID-19 mask policies. In a statement to a reporter from TMJ4 about three weeks ago, Kristin Devitt of the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Office of School Safety said this:

"One thing that is different is where we see people making threats - where there is physical violence involved. When the emotions are high and that is when we see behaviors changing and things becoming concerning. When it goes into threatening a person, threatening to harm someone or something, that is when we see it move into criminality."

I trust your office is going to show a similar level of concern about the grotesque threats of violence made towards members of the Waukesha School Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Scott" and last name "Allen" clearly legible.

Representative Scott Allen
97th Assembly District
Waukesha, Genesee, Mukwonago