Statement on the Shooting of Two Milwaukee Police Officers **Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II**

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Last night, the 15th District and the entire City of Milwaukee were deeply shaken by a tragic and unacceptable act of violence. Two Milwaukee police officers were shot while performing their duty to serve and protect our community. One officer remains in critical condition. My prayers are with both of these officers, their families, and every resident impacted by this senseless act.

This violence strikes the heart of our neighborhoods, and sets us back in our efforts to build a safer, stronger, and more vibrant Milwaukee. We cannot - and will not - allow these actions to define who we are or derail the progress we have been working so hard to achieve.

Accountability is essential. Those responsible for inflicting harm in our community must be held accountable, but healing requires more than arrests. It requires all of us to come together, to stand up against violence, to invest in our young people, to support our law enforcement, and to build real pathways to peace and opportunity.

I know the pain and frustration so many are feeling today. But I also know the strength, resilience, and hope that define this community. We have faced challenges before, and we have overcome them - not through fear or division, but through unity, determination, and love for our city.

To those causing harm: I urge you to think about the lives you are impacting - your own, and those of your family, and your neighbors. This is not the future we want for Milwaukee.

To the residents of the 15th District and the entire city: stay strong, stay hopeful, and stay engaged. Together we can and will continue the fight for peace, progress, and a brighter future for all.

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