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**80% COALITION FOR GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION MOURNS THE LOSS OF
MPD OFFICER KENDALL CORDER, CODEMNS THE SHOOTING OF OFFICER McCRAY
& AND THE TARGETING AND SHOOTING OF IDAHO FIREFIGHTERS**

Franklin, WI – The 80% Coalition is non-partisan and is comprised of advocacy, business, education, faith-based, professional and service organizations committed to pushing back against hate and urging our legislators at the state and federal levels to pass commonsense gun violence prevention legislation. The Coalition derives its name from the 80% of all Wisconsinites who are in favor of Universal Background Checks and Red Flag Laws.

The 80% Coalition issued the following statement on the passing of Milwaukee Police Department Officer Kendall Corder, the shooting of MPD Officer Christopher McCray, and the murder of two Idaho Firefighters, all in acts of gun violence:

“We are heartbroken by the loss of a Milwaukee Police Department Officer Kendall Corder, who gave his life in the line of duty. Our deepest condolences go out to his family, his friends, and the entire Milwaukee Police Department during this time of profound grief. We also pray for the swift and full recovery of Officer Christopher McCray who was also shot during the same encounter.

We also learned that two firefighters responding to a call in rural Idaho were targeted, shot and killed. These dual tragedies are yet another devastating reminder of the urgent need to address gun violence not just in our cities, but throughout our rural communities and our nation. It is unacceptable that individuals who have committed their lives to saving lives and protecting our communities are facing such danger.

The 80% Coalition mourns the loss of these public servants alongside the rest of our nation, and reaffirms our commitment to meaningful, collaborative solutions that reduce gun violence and keep all members of our community, residents and public servants alike, safe.

In honor of the police officers and firefighters, and in solidarity with all who have been touched by the epidemic of gun violence, we renew our pledge to advocate for commonsense policies and programs that save lives and promote peace.”



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Coalition members include Advanced Wireless, Inc., Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Bishops Against Gun Violence, Brady: United Against Gun Violence, Crusaders of Justicia, Doctors for America, Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee, Felmers Chaney Advocacy Board, First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee, Forward Latino, Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA, Hours Against Hate, Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, Islamic Society of Milwaukee, JCRC - Milwaukee Jewish Federation, League of United Latin American Citizens Wisconsin, March for Our Lives MKE, March For Our Lives Wisconsin, Milwaukee Inner-City Congregations Allied for Hope (MICA), Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church, Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition, Mom's Demand Action - Wisconsin, NAACP - Milwaukee Branch, Wisconsin State NAACP Conference of Branches, NAMI Dane County, NAMI Wisconsin, National Council of Jewish Women - Milwaukee, Racine Interfaith Coalition, Renace, Serve 2 Unite, Sikh Temple of Wisconsin, UMOS, United Methodist Church WI/SE District, Wisconsin Conference, United Church of Christ, Wisconsin Anti Violence Effort (WAVE), Wisconsin Council of Churches & Wisconsin Council of Rabbis.

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