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Majority Leader Julie Fahey Issues Statement Mourning Victims of Mass Shooting in Buffalo

SALEM, Ore. - Following the <u>domestic terrorist attack</u> at a supermarket in Buffalo, NY this past Saturday, leaving 10 dead and three wounded, <u>Majority Leader Julie Fahey</u> (D-West Eugene/Junction City) issues a statement:

"What happened in Buffalo this weekend was devastating. Ten families are facing tremendous loss because of a hate crime motivated by anti-Black racism and white supremacy, and entire communities are reeling from the pain and fear caused by this attack and the shooter's racist ideology.

"The perpetrator was radicalized online by hateful rhetoric – rhetoric that is all too similar to that used by media personalities and politicians who stoke fear, pit communities against each other, and give cover to racist violence. We cannot let them divide us. We must come together and stand unified in our commitment to a vibrant multiracial, multicultural democracy where everyone – no matter their race, religion, zip code, gender identity, sexual orientation or immigration status – feels safe, seen, heard, and represented."

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