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Statement from Majority Leader Kayse Jama on Violence Against Minnesota Lawmakers

SALEM, Ore. – Following violent attacks on two Minnesota state legislators and their spouses, Oregon **Senate Majority Leader Kayse Jama (D – East Portland, Boring & Damascus)** made the following statement:

“I’m grieving for Minnesota Rep. Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, and praying for the recovery of Sen. John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette.

“The attacks on these leaders in Minnesota did not emerge out of thin air. Hateful rhetoric mixes with threats of force not only across the internet but also in statements from the highest offices in our federal government. It's a dangerous direction, but one we can reverse together.

“I’m holding hope for all Americans that our political future centers on constructive, nonviolent dialogue. Our communities and leaders everywhere must reject violence and demand a better tomorrow.”

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