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Statement on the Mass Shooting and Killings at MSU

I was devastated to learn of the tragedy which unfolded at Michigan State University. In yet another senseless mass shooting 3 students lost their lives, 5 more were critically injured and remain hospitalized, and tens of thousands were left traumatized. We have since learned that tragic events hit close to home with one of the victims having family and ties to Detroit and District 5. The whole ordeal was an awful and glaring reminder that we, as a society, are in the midst of a gun violence epidemic in this Country. While the time will come to assess what transpired and pursue ways to prevent these type of tragedies through common sense gun laws, at this moment we must focus on wrapping our arms around the surviving victims and the loved ones of those slain in order to start the healing process.

My heart and prayers go out to the family and friends who are suffering through unimaginable grief and the students who lived through this tragedy as they begin to find their way back to a sense of normalcy and the ability to feel safe as they continue to pursue their education.

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Council President Mary Sheffield represents the 5th District, which covers the lower eastside, downtown, the riverfront and central portions of Detroit. She was first elected to office in 2013 and is the youngest person ever elected to City Council in the history of Detroit. She was elected as the City's youngest Council President in January of 2022.

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