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To the Citizens of Portage County,

On August 25, 2020, Paul Piotrowski, candidate for Wisconsin Senate, released a statement concerning the shooting of Jacob Blake by police officers in Kenosha. While Mr. Piotrowski admitted he does not have all the facts, this did not keep him from condemning the actions by the police, calling their use of force unjustified.

Mr. Piotrowski's rush to judgement is especially disturbing given the fact he is a former police officer, and should understand that snap condemnations without knowing all the details is irresponsible and dangerous. Much of the violence and destruction that occurred in Kenosha after this incident can likely be attributed to this type of negligent rhetoric.

In a blatant political move, Mr. Piotrowski denounced the officers in a written statement as well as social media posts before the incident could even be investigated and the truth revealed. His actions are irresponsible, and further erode the public's trust in law enforcement.

For this reason, the Portage County Deputy Sheriff's Association has taken the unprecedented step of announcing that we must oppose Mr. Piotrowski's candidacy for the Wisconsin Senate. We strongly believe our elected representatives must display good judgement and restraint, which he clearly has not. The Association has confidence that our fellow citizens feel this way as well, and deserve a senator that shares their beliefs.

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