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STATEMENT BY BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE CHIEF JIM JOHNSON, CHAIR, NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIP TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE, ON THE MASS SHOOTING AT UMPQUA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN OREGON

Members of the National Law Enforcement Partnership to Prevent Gun Violence (the Partnership) send our deepest condolences to those who lost their loved ones and our hearts go out to all those injured and traumatized by the despicable shooting rampage yesterday at Umpqua Community College in Oregon.

While we do not yet know all the details about the shooter or how he acquired firearms, we do know that more can and must be done to keep guns out of the hands of those intent on harming others.

We cannot accept the suggestion that nothing can or will be done to prevent mass shootings and the carnage occurring every day all across America. We do not accept the argument that discussion about solutions at this time is inappropriate. As law enforcement professionals, we will never accept the proposition that because we cannot prevent every shooting, that we should do nothing to prevent those we can. Now is the time for discussion and now is the time for action. Enough is enough.

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