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MEDIA STATEMENT

RE: Shooting at Margolin Hebrew Academy - Feinstone Yeshiva of the South

I pray for the students, staff members and educators who have been impacted by the shooting at the Margolin Hebrew Academy today. Thank you to the Memphis Police Department, school staff, and others for their responsiveness to this terrifying experience.

While no students or staff were physically harmed, they will still have to live with the violence and trauma that unfolded at their school and across the district today. Our reality is that we live in a country where our children are vulnerable to the dangers of gun violence, and we are living in a perpetual state of terror, wondering: "Am I next?"

The proliferation of gun violence is the most critical public policy and public health issue facing our city, county, state, and country. As legislators, it is our duty to do all we can to avoid these atrocities by passing laws that protect people, schools, and communities.

My office is working tirelessly for the day when there are no more calls to respond to mass shootings and gun violence. I implore my colleagues in the Tennessee General Assembly to listen to our communities and pass legislation that repeals permitless carry laws, expands background checks, and implements extreme risk protection orders.

We must do everything in our power to protect kids, not guns.

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