

Friend,

Earlier this year, we buried my 5 year old little cousin, Caleb, due to gun violence. It's hard to wrap our heads around the loss of children because of guns, but we're asked to do it again and again.

Last week, we felt the overwhelming grief and sorrow of yet another mass shooting that took the lives of 19 children and two teachers. That horrific violence happened just after the loss of ten souls in Buffalo, New York, and the terror of another church shooting in Laguna Woods, California.

I know you're just as angry as I am. I know how badly you want change! Trust that I'm right there with you. I'm in this race to fight for our babies, safe schools, and an end to gun violence.

We can do better than this. That's why I joined Pastor Barry Randolph, Moms Demand Action, and Everytown for Gun Safety for their "Silence the Violence Rally" at the Church of the Messiah right here in Detroit. Today, we stood together in unity against gun violence.

Gun violence is a public health emergency that we must address. Here in Michigan, every day, three people are killed with guns, a problem that impacts Michigan's Black communities disproportionately. While we are 15% of the state's population, Black people account for 79% of Michigan's gun homicides!

We needed action years ago. Now, we need leaders who are deeply committed to advancing sensible gun legislation including background checks, waiting periods, and mental health screening and services.

While serving as State Representative, I talked with our students to ensure they understood the importance of gun violence prevention, and I co-sponsored legislation to keep our students safe.

I remain committed to being a leader that demands action! I will do everything in my power to make sure that



tragedies like these don't keep happening. I am running for Congress to support our communities and make our schools better, and that includes making them safer.

To those of you who joined me today in honoring the lives we've so senselessly lost, thank you. It was an honor to be part of today's Silence the Violence rally. Thank you for showing your support for common sense gun laws and reducing gun violence in our home!

In solidarity,

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