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NALEO and NALEO Educational Fund Respond to Shooting in Buffalo, New York

Horrific act of violence and hate marks another vicious attack on Black Americans

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) and NALEO Educational Fund today released a statement regarding the recent mass shooting in Buffalo, New York:

“In yet another mass shooting in America, the horrifying massacre of Black Americans on Saturday in Buffalo, New York, marks a tragic reminder that our nation continues to struggle under the terror of racism and white supremacy. Sadly, this attack was among a series of violent events over the weekend where many cities in our nation laid witness to various incidents of brutality.

“With the normalization of such grotesque hate and frequent violence, as seen in case after case that has become too commonplace in our country, we must continue to remind ourselves that anti-Black racism and all other forms of bigotry have no place in our society.

“A nation where people of color cannot grocery shop, pray, or otherwise go about their lives in peace without fear of being targeted by domestic terrorism is a nation that has not fulfilled its obligation to protect those most vulnerable to the violence and hate we saw in Buffalo this weekend.

“We must be truthful about our past and the tragic legacies that have continued to percolate throughout our society, leading to such fanaticism and despicable violence. We continue to have work to do and must never allow such vicious violence to fade into the background of the culture and character of our nation.

“NALEO and NALEO Educational Fund stand with the victims and their families, the city of Buffalo, and the Black community during this difficult time. NALEO members continue to reject white supremacy, dangerous and inciting rhetoric, and racist violence in all its forms.”

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About NALEO

The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials is the non-partisan leadership organization of the nation’s more than 7,000 Latino elected and appointed officials.

About NALEO Educational Fund

NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-partisan, non-profit organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.