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NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Scranton, PA – Mayor Paige G. Cagnetti issued the following statement:

No one should feel unsafe anywhere, let alone in their own community. No one should fear that they or their loved ones will be treated with disregard, disrespect, or violence.

Racial injustice is embedded in our country’s history. It is our duty to acknowledge the truth of that history and eradicate the disparities in our current social structure. Violence like the horror we saw take place in Minneapolis this week feels like violence against our own community. Feelings of outrage, pain, and the need to take action are all valid.

The men and women in law enforcement who protect us every day are also hurting. “No one hates bad cops more than good cops.” I am grateful to Chief Carl Graziano and the Scranton Police Department for their dedication to progressive policing and constant training.

Ahead of this afternoon’s protest downtown, I welcome our residents to make their voices heard. Please gather, speak, share, mourn. I just ask that you do it peacefully, so that your message is heard.

We have to conquer injustice and reach a point where we no longer have to brace ourselves for the news that another black man or woman has been killed. I stand with you in this is painful moment, and I will listen to how we can realize a society free of racial disparity and violence.

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