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Statement from the Liberian Community In Minnesota on the Attack on State Lawmakers

The Liberian Community is profoundly heartbroken to learn of the heinous attack on our esteemed State lawmakers and their spouses, which resulted in the tragic death of Speaker Emeritus and Leader of the House DFL Caucus, Rep. Melissa Hortman, and her husband, Mark. We also hold in our prayers Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, who are currently fighting for their lives in critical but stable conditions.

We categorically denounce such cowardly and brutal acts of violence against these dedicated public servants. Both Rep. Hortman and Senator Hoffman have been integral members of our community, and their contributions and support have left a lasting impact on us all.

Rep. Melissa Hortman began engaging the Liberian community before she started her career as a lawmaker. Some worked as volunteers in her campaigns. She built meaningful relationships within our community, working closely with former and current Community leaders and offering unwavering support. We extend our deepest condolences to her family during this tragic time.

Senator John Hoffman's continual presence and active involvement in our community have earned him the love and admiration of many of us. He has fostered a strong bond with our community, and our hearts and prayers are with him and his wife as they continue to recover.

Let us remember them in our prayers and stand together in hope and resilience during these difficult times. May we find strength in our unity and faith, knowing that they will always be an integral part of our community.

On behalf of Chairman Arthur Biah, the members of the board of directors, and the entire Liberian community in Minnesota, we say "never mind" in our Liberian colloquial and ask that you keep them in your prayers.

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