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STATEMENT ON COVENANT SCHOOL SHOOTING

Mount Laurel, NJ --- The Mayor, Township Council, and Township Administration are appalled at another shooting involving elementary school children, this time at the Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee. There are three more dead children and three more dead teachers, and another community's sense of safety and peace has been ripped away from them by the actions of one sick and twisted individual.

"I am horrified by this disturbing, yet familiar, way of life for our country. People should be able to go to school, attend a place of worship, and go out in public without the fear of being gunned down. My heart breaks for the Nashville community and we must choose a better future for our children and country," Mayor Steglik stated.

"As an educator I am horrified by today's events. Children should feel safe going to school, and parents should have the guarantee that their children will come home safe at the end of the day. I sincerely hope our country does not have to see this tragic, familiar sequence of events again," stated Deputy Mayor Janjua.

Elementary schools should not need to be fortresses for children to feel safe. There should not ever be a circumstance where parents have to find out their child has been killed in a mass shooting. There is a future we can build together, where we are all free from the threat of a mass shooter at our churches, movie theaters, concerts, and especially schools.

All it takes is working together, as a unified country, to achieve that future.

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