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STATEMENT ON RESPONSE TO BOONE COUNTY SHOOTING

Like many of you, I watched Friday evening as Boone County Law Enforcement dealt with an unimaginable situation; a standoff with one of their fellow first responders. It was emotional, tragic and concluded in a manner which no person or agency wanted.

What I've witnessed since has shown the best of our county. Our citizens have shown up to support the Officers involved. Fellow Deputies and Officers, along with their families are continuing to support each other as well. Their ability to connect and share thoughts privately, without judgement, is the way our community moves forward – In a positive direction.

In response to statewide media outlets using intentionally conflicting, misleading headlines to gain clicks online; I encourage our citizens not to pay for such improper and emotionally charged text. I choose to wait for the findings of the investigation conducted by the Kentucky State Police. That is where facts will be presented.

I continue to believe the Florence Police Department, and the Boone County Sheriff's Office are the premier Law Enforcement agencies in our Commonwealth. I have full confidence in their leadership, and in the Officers and Deputies of both departments to continue their exceptional work, without disruption.

Justifiably so, this event has been a shock to our Law Enforcement community. When you see them, thank them for their service. Continue to support them as well as their families, as their sacrifice is so often unseen. They serve as the backbone of both agencies, standing by the women and men who keep us safe – no matter the cost.

I hope you will join me in praying for all involved and offering support when appropriate.

Respectfully,



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