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Dear BMHA Residents,

Many of you live, work, and shop at or near the Jefferson Avenue Tops where Saturday's shooting occurred. I know that you are sad, frightened, and angry. Many of BMHA's employees also, live work and shop in the same community, and are equally traumatized. I am personally horrified and saddened by this senseless tragedy.

This was a senseless massacre that was motivated by hatred and prejudice. The BMHA is committed to combating racism in all of its forms, and I hope that we can all work together to build a safer and healthier community, and help each other through this horrible time.

On behalf of myself, our employees and the Board, I want you all to know that we are thinking of you, and will do all that we can to assist you in getting through this horrible and troubling time. If you are in need of immediate help or community resources, you should call **211** or text your **zip code** to **898-211**.

In addition, BestSelf Health, Endeavor Health of WNY, Crisis Services, Spectrum Health, and the Erie County Department of Mental Health will have mental health counselors available at a drop-in center at the **Johnnie B. Wiley Center**, 1100 Jefferson Avenue in Buffalo from 9am - 9pm. Everyone in the community is welcome, and no insurance information will be requested or necessary.

Our hearts go out to the families of the victims, and to all of the people that each one of those victims touched in their lives.

Sincerely,

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