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## **ATU Local 1056 JOIN ELECTEDS TO CONDEMN VIOLENCE v. SIKKHS**

Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1056 condemned the violent act perpetrated against the Sikh community in Wisconsin yesterday. In a statement released at press conference today (Monday, August 6) convened by City Council Member Ruben Wills, ATU 1056 President and Business Agent I. Daneek Miller issued a call for all New Yorkers to join together in common cause to condemn the lawless act of hate.

Mr. Miller's statement follows:

“On behalf of the members of ATU Local 1056 – bus operators and mechanics – who work for MTA New York City Transit's Queens bus division and serve the riding public here in Queens, I join with our elected officials to condemn the senseless acts of violence and express our deepest sympathies over the losses in Oak Park. We have members who are Sikhs and significant parts of communities served by our lines include Sikh families, their institutions and businesses they own. We all know Queens enjoys a most diverse population and benefits from it. That's why we stand together today; we understand an attack on any of us threatens us all. Whenever and wherever such deviant violence against any group occurs, we must show our unity; in our unity we make clear nothing gets served by such wanton violence; in our response we show our resolve and strength. ATU Local 1056 wants our Sikh neighbors – our friends – to know we are there for them. Thank you to Council Member Wills and his colleagues for their commitment and support.”

ATU Local 1056 Recording Secretary Gladys McDaniel represented ATU Local 1056 and President Miller at the news conference at the Gurdwara Sikh Temple Society of New York, 95-30 118th Street South Richmond Hill, NY 11419. In addition to Council Member Wills, electeds who participated included City Comptroller John Liu, State Senator Shirley Huntley, Assemblyman David Weprin and Council Members Domenic Recchia, Leticia James, Mark Weprin, Karen Koslowitz, Elizabeth Crowley and Eric Ulrich. Community 11 Chair Jerry Iannece also attended. ATU 1056 members – bus operators and mechanics – work for MTA New York City Transit's Queens bus division and serve the riding public.

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