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STATEMENT FROM KAM BUCKNER: Weekend Gun Violence Plagues Our Communities

Interviews available upon request

The following is a statement from state Rep. Kam Buckner (D-Chicago), candidate for Mayor:

“Like so many other long weekends in Chicago, the city has experienced yet another deadly three days.

“We’re seeing a pattern of mass shootings. We’re seeing a pattern of altercations escalating until someone eventually pulls out a gun and uses it to kill.

“Violence has exploded under the current Mayor. Out-of-control access to guns and non-existent community programs are a deadly combination. We’re going through a pandemic of violence and the Mayor has proven herself to be wholly ill-equipped to tackle it. Instead of plans or solutions, she parades out the CPD Superintendent like clockwork.

“We’ve made progress on gun reform at the State level, like banning ghost guns, but we need our leaders at every level of government to do more. Specifically in the City of Chicago, we need to fill CPD vacancies, but we also need solutions that get to the root cause of violence: invest in youth violence prevention, mental health treatment, neighborhood blight clean-up, re-entry jobs and prisoner rehabilitation.

“Lives are on the line. We need a plan, not a press conference.”