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Office of the President



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To the campus community,

As we learn more about the horrific shootings in East Lansing last night, the entire Oakland University community sends love and support to our friends and colleagues at Michigan State University. We are devastated to learn of another act of violence and terror as a result of senseless gun violence.

Please keep the families of the deceased and injured in your hearts and minds as the MSU community begins the grieving and recovery process.

If any of you are suffering as a result of a friend or loved one being negatively impacted by this incident, please know that the university is here to support you in every way possible – including with counseling services.

I encourage all of us – faculty, staff and students – to watch for signs of the toll this kind of violence can take on us and support each other with focused attention, compassion and referral to any needed resources.

Let's remember that maintaining safety and security is everyone's responsibility – that we can combat feelings of hopelessness by utilizing our

power to say something or do something if we see something that concerns us. We can report these concerns to the Oakland University Police Department or by using the "[Report Behavior](#)" link at the top of the OU home page.

Let's also revisit information available in the [Emergency Procedures and Evacuations](#) section of the OUPD website. It is not wrong to hope that we'll never need to use this, but it is certainly right to have it available to prevent or reduce the impact of a potential tragedy.

Last night's news is heartbreaking, and it comes at a time when our world appears to be divided in so many ways. Still, I know that our community will come together and affirm that safety, security and shared concern for each other's welfare is something that all of us deserve.



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