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**PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF GREATER OHIO:
COLORADO SPRINGS SHOOTING**

COLUMBUS—Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio released a statement in response to the active shooter situation in and near the Planned Parenthood in Colorado Springs today.

Stephanie Kight, President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio made the following statement.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families who have been affected by this tragedy. We condemn this heinous act of violence, regardless of the motive behind it.

This situation is still developing, and at this moment we don't yet know the full circumstances and motives behind this tragic event, or if Planned Parenthood was in fact the target of this attack.

Planned Parenthood's main concern now is the safety and ongoing security of our patients and staff, in Colorado and around the country. No one deserves to be a victim of senseless violence, whether it is based on their gender, skin color, profession, or decision to access essential medical services.

We are grateful to the law enforcement and first responders who work to keep our communities safe and we will continue to work closely with this group to keep our patients, staff and health centers safe. Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio has strong security measures in place, works closely with law enforcement agencies, and has a very strong safety record.

As we have for the last 87 years in Ohio, Planned Parenthood will continue to provide the compassionate, respectful care our patients deserve. We will never back away from providing care in safe and supportive environment for millions that rely on us in Ohio and across the nation.”