

Statement From AAUW of Minnesota

I find myself at a loss for words today. I imagine that is true for many of you as well. This morning Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband were assassinated in an unspeakable act of political violence. Senator Hoffman and his wife remain in critical condition. Melissa Hortman was a champion for AAUW's values and her death is a devastating loss for Minnesota.

From local school boards to the White House, over the last few years, we have seen a sharp increase in political violence around our country. However, we cannot normalize these actions or become numb to their effects. Political violence not only threatens the safety of the people who have chosen to devote their lives to public service, but the safety and freedom for all people.

As you process today's events, I encourage you to reach out to one another and make time for self-care. You are not alone.

Standing with you in solidarity,

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