

A statement on the assassination of Charlie Kirk and the school shooting near Denver, CO.

"It is difficult to know what to say in a time when more and more violence seems to be the preferred response to those with whom we disagree. A father and husband is dead today in another tragic and senseless murder. The assassination of Charlie Kirk at its heart is not about politics, guns, security or even free speech. Shortly after this tragedy we had another school shooting near Denver, Co. It is about a dramatic decline in the moral character of America. It is about the rise of a culture of violence in this nation over the past several decades. Yes, we do need to pray for the Kirk family and the many people impacted by this senseless murder and those impacted by the school shooting. We also need to pray for America! John Adams wrote in a letter to the Massachusetts Militia on October 11, 1798. "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other". Benjamin Franklin agreed when he said, "Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom". Make no mistake. America is in trouble, and the future of the Republic stands in question. May almighty God have mercy on this nation." – Commissioner Christian Y. Leinbach 9/11/2025