



**Ohio Association of
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Statement regarding weekend attacks in Dayton and El Paso

COLUMBUS — The Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies extends our heartfelt condolences to the victims in Dayton and El Paso this weekend. We call on our Governor, General Assembly, and Congress to take action at both the state and federal level to protect our neighbors and children against these senseless acts of violence.

“Our government must stand up to those who threaten our citizens, including threats that are from citizens themselves,” said Philip E. Cole, executive director of OACAA. “Ohioans have called on Governor DeWine to ‘do something.’ It is my hope that he and other lawmakers will respond with swift and strong action.

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Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other. Community Action Agencies work to alleviate poverty and empower low-income families in their communities. The Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies represents 48 agencies around the state serving the needs of low-income people in all of Ohio’s 88 counties. CAAs provide education and training, emergency services, and other assistance programs to over 600,000 Ohioans annually.