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UFCW LOCAL 7 MOURNS TRAGIC DEATHS OF SEVERAL VICTIMS AFTER ACTIVE SHOOTING AT A KING SOOPERS STORE IN BOULDER, COLORADO

Local 7, Which Represents 32 Grocery Workers at King Soopers Store #33 in Boulder, CO, Condemns Senseless Act of Violence.

DENVER, CO – Kim Cordova, President of UFCW Local 7, who represents more than 17,000 Essential Grocery Workers in Colorado and Wyoming, including 32 members who work at King Soopers Store #33 in Boulder, CO, where the tragic active shooting occurred today, issued the following statement:

“Today our community experienced a senseless act of violence that caused an unnecessary loss of life in Boulder’s vibrant community. It is with deep sadness we mourn the victims and their families who have lost loved ones today, including the heroic Boulder police officer who died in the line of duty. We are forever grateful to the grocery workers, customers, and the first responders who acted swiftly to prevent even greater loss of life—protecting our members and all those in danger inside the store.

“This senseless act of evil also highlights and shines a light on the best of human nature. There are news reports that after gunshots rang out, grocery workers helped customers in the store find safety, directing shoppers to an exit at the back of the store, and assisted one another to escape the danger inside.

“No one should have to fear for their lives while they grocery shop or go to work every day. Unfortunately, our grocery members, frontline Essential Workers, have lived in fear each and every day during the pandemic. These workers have risked getting COVID-19 to make sure shelves were stocked and communities had access to food and other essential services. As COVID-19 cases increased, and colleagues fell ill and some died, they continued to go to work, even as they faced COVID-19 workplace hazards, as well as hostile customers including verbal and physical attacks by unstable members of the public.

“For the last year our members and other associates have fought an invisible enemy, COVID-19, but today several innocent souls were killed by an evil human. We call on government officials and employers to do more to protect our members and communities from the constant threat of violence.”

“Local 7 continues to monitor the situation as details become available.”

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Local 7, the largest Union in Colorado, is affiliated with United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, which represents over 1.3 million workers in the United States and Canada, and is one of the largest private-sector Unions in North America.

UFCW members work in a wide range of industries, including retail food, food processing, agriculture, retail sales, and health care.

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