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UFCW LOCAL 7 HONORS & REMEMBERS THE TABLE MESA KING SOOPERS SHOOTING VICTIMS ON ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The anniversary is a grim reminder of the need to protect Essential Grocery Workers and customers.

DENVER - Kim Cordova, President of UFCW Local 7, issued the following statement on behalf of the union on the one-year anniversary of a tragic shooting at the Table Mesa King Soopers that killed ten people:

“On this tragic anniversary, UFCW Local 7 joins Coloradans and the entire country in mourning the ten lives that were lost in an unforgivable and senseless act of violence. We stand with the friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers of the men and women who passed away that day:

Neven Stanisic, 23

Kevin Mahoney, 61

Tralona Bartkowiak, 49

Rikki Olds, 25

Denny Stong, 20

Lynn Murray, 62

Teri Leiker, 51

Jody Waters, 65

Suzanne Fountain, 59

Eric Talley, 51

In the past year, we have grieved with our union Brothers and Sisters. We were heartened to see the Boulder community rally around the re-opening of the Table Mesa store earlier this year, demonstrating extraordinary resilience in the face of unimaginable loss.

Across the country we continue to see additional acts of violence and aggression targeting Essential Grocery Store Workers even as those same workers show up every day to keep our communities fed. Now is the time for all stakeholders – employers, workers, customers, and elected officials to come together and implement common-sense safety reforms that Essential Grocery Workers have been calling for, such as panic buttons that alert police to an “emergency, police presence” at stores, and resources to prevent the root cause of mass violence.

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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.