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Ajla Delkic
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Dear Ms. Delkic:

I want to express my deepest sympathies to the Bosnian-American community that I am proud to represent in St. Louis and the greater Bosnian community regarding the tragic murder of Mr. Zemir Begic. This heinous and unprovoked act, which was allegedly perpetrated by four young people, violated every standard of human decency and civilized conduct.

I stand ready to work closely with local law enforcement and other elected officials to provide the resources required to increase police manpower, encourage community policing at the neighborhood level, and restore a sense of security to this vital neighborhood.

Bosnian-American immigrants have made immeasurable contributions to the renaissance of large portions of South St. Louis. Having survived the ravages of war in Bosnia, their courage and determination to make a new life in the United States is a tribute to the strength and vitality of their culture.

If there are additional steps which can be taken from the federal level to assist with this tragic situation, please let us know how we can be of service. With prayers for Mr. Begic's family, I wish the Bosnian-American community renewed peace and security.

Sincerely,

Wm. Lacy Clay

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