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BLOOMINGTON, IN: The Monroe County Board of Commissioners issue this statement in response to the recent and very disturbing report and images shared by Vauhxx Booker, a resident of Monroe County and one of the Monroe County Human Rights Commissioners. We are appalled by what happened to Mr. Booker and we thank those who were present and stood in support of him.

We condemn hate and violence, and are extremely concerned by the hostility and racial animus shown in the video. This horrific and cowardly attack against an individual was also an attack on our community's values of equality and peace for every resident.

As this is a criminal issue, we trust that the Monroe County Prosecuting Attorney, Erika Oliphant, will respond appropriately in order to protect the safety of Monroe County residents. While we have no power to act in criminal matters, we vow to continue to do everything in our power as the executive and legislative branches of Monroe County.

Monroe County stands united against racism, violence, and hatred.

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