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Shé:kon (Greetings),

It is with heavy hearts that we send this message to you today. Like people from across Turtle Island and beyond, our entire community of Kahnawà:ke has been shocked and saddened by the indescribable tragedy that has struck your people.

We hope that our condolences will help to provide some measure of comfort as you struggle to come to terms with the events of the past few days. You are in our collective thoughts as you grieve for family members, friends, and colleagues taken away in such a sudden manner. As you prepare to begin the long and difficult road towards healing, please be assured that you are not alone. Thousands, if not millions, of people both Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike are grieving with you.

We offer our prayers that the Great Spirit gives you the strength to carry on through this dark period in your history. We pray for the recovery of those who were injured and honor the memory of those lost.

In Peace and Friendship,

**ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS  
MOHAWK COUNCIL OF KAHNAWÀ:KE**

**Ohén:ton I:iente ne Ratitsénhaienhs (Grand Chief) Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer  
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