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Women Organizing Women Democrats (WOW Dems)
Statement on July 7th Dallas Mass Shooting

Women Organizing Women Democrats is deeply saddened by the tragedies of last week, when five police officers, Brent Thompson, Patrick Zamarripa, Michael Krol, Michael Smith, and Lorne Ahrens were fatally gunned down at the end of a peaceful protest in Dallas. Our Dallas police force is one of the finest in America, one that is determined to work with all community members to improve relations between the police and the people they serve. We are also frustrated by the recent killings of Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge and Philando Castile outside Minneapolis, events that led to the July 7th protest.

We believe in non-violence and working our problems out through peaceful and open discussion amongst all parties. We support our local law enforcement personnel, as well as the rights of groups and individuals to engage in peaceful assembly. We appreciate Chief David Brown's policies of "community policing" and advocate for similar reforms in other police departments to reduce violent confrontations between police officers and the community. We support the brave men and women in our police departments, and at the same time, promote police and criminal justice reforms to save lives and make sure all people are treated as equal in rights and dignity. We hope the tragedy and pain of our losses propel Americans to work together for solutions.

WOW Dems is a North Texas-based organization whose mission includes expanding the participation of women in politics by increasing their political engagement, raising awareness about women's issues, and recruiting, supporting, and electing Democratic women for partisan and non-partisan offices. We expand our awareness of relevant issues through our educational and related activities. Our organization has endorsed candidates who will work towards equal rights, justice and opportunity for all.

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Women Organizing Women Democrats meet bi-monthly, on second Thursday evenings at the Plano Environmental Education Center or at the Collin Higher Education Center in McKinney. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more details, visit our website at www.wowdems.org.