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The American Probation and Parole Association sends this statement as we are still reeling and in shock as a result of the horrific act of violence that befell so many innocent concertgoers enjoying the Route 91 Harvest Festival in Las Vegas, Nevada, on October 1. This is being described as the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history, and the number of dead and wounded continues to be updated. We mourn deeply for each lost life. Our hearts go out to all who are wounded and suffering, including the gunshot victims, family members and friends, traumatized survivors, and the Las Vegas community as a whole.

All acts of violence are heartbreaking, and the cruel nature of this particular attack as well as its scale will have a far reaching traumatic impact on many in the U.S. and around the world. Las Vegas is an international destination and has been a gracious host to the American Probation and Parole Association in the past. We are grateful for the courage, competence, and compassion of first responders in that community. Reports have also surfaced about innumerable individuals who selflessly shielded others, rendered immediate aid, provided comfort, and exemplified the best side of humanity.

We are an issue association of courageous and caring individuals. In both our work and our lives, we focus on helping others and keeping communities safe. While seeking clarity and trying to grapple with this senseless act of violence, please reach out to support each other—and if you personally need any help, please seek out whatever assistance you need. Keep the victims and their families in your thoughts and prayers, and try to find ways to assist, if that is feasible. This is a dark time for our nation, so let us continue to be bright lights and "forces for positive change."

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