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Dr. Edward S. Inch
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President Inch,

I write today regarding recent reporting that Kevin Parsneau, a College of Humanities and Social Sciences professor at Minnesota State University, Mankato, responded to a social media post by advocating in support of the assassination of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson on December 4, 2024.

Specifically, Mr. Parsneau commented on a Facebook post that stated, “How long do we really need to look for Brian Thompson’s killer? Is today good enough? Or do they need to look tomorrow?” by responding, “It’s going to be disappointing if he’s a one-off killer instead of a serial killer.”

Violence of any kind must be condemned in the strongest terms and Mr. Parsneau’s recent comment is reprehensible. It is acutely unacceptable that this professor is provided with a platform to be in the presence of students or involved in academia in any form.

I call on Minnesota State University, Mankato, to demand this professor’s immediate resignation. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad Finstad".

Brad Finstad
Member of Congress