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Statement from State Senator Gustavo Rivera on Tragedy in Orlando, Florida

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"My thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of those who were tragically killed in today's unspeakable shooting at Orlando's Pulse Nightclub. I want to take this opportunity to express my unconditional support to the LGBTQIA community during this difficult time.

As we try come to terms with yet another heart wrenching tragedy, we must come together and send a clear message that hate and gun violence has no place in our communities, our cities and our states. We cannot allow for this to become our new normal. We have a responsibility to those whose lives were ended and to those whose lives will be forever affected by gun violence to act and demand the implementation of stronger gun control laws through effective legislative action."