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State Senator Hansen Clarke Releases Video Statement Recalling His Firsthand Experience with the Detroit Riots of 1967

LANSING—Monday marks the 40th Anniversary of the 1967 Detroit Riots, one of the most polarizing and tumultuous events in Michigan history, and today State Senator Hansen Clarke (D-Detroit) released a video statement recounting his experience as a ten-year old boy in the midst of the chaotic scene.

The statement can currently be viewed on You Tube at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gzLkiPsetS4>.

As fires and looting broke out outside his home, a young Clarke bolted out into the streets without even waking his mother. From the sidewalk, he observed in amazement for hours as the riots unfolded around him.

“I wasn’t really scared—just amazed. I saw my neighbors and friends’ parents breaking windows and stealing anything they could get their hands on,” said Senator Clarke. “It’s very sad to think about for me, but my neighborhood has never recovered from it. Now I represent the very same neighborhood in the State Senate, and am still fighting for equality and dignity for all citizens regardless of race, creed, color, religion or sexual identity.”

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This statement and other videos can be viewed by visiting the Senate Democratic Caucus website, www.senate.michigan.gov/dem.