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The Minnesota Shooting Wasn't Random—It Was a Predictable Resurgence of Violence

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Minnesota experienced an act of devastating political violence last month: Former Minnesota **House Speaker Melissa Hortman** and her husband, Mark Hortman, were killed in their home. State Sen. John Hoffman and his wife Yvette are recovering from life-saving surgeries after shielding their adult daughter from the gunman.

While we do not yet understand the full extent of the gunman's motives, it is undeniable that protesting abortion and intimidating people who support access to it was one of them. Authorities report the suspect carried a **list of over 70 targets**, including elected officials who support abortion rights, abortion providers and pro-choice advocates.

In recent years, we've seen attacks escalate against elected officials across the political spectrum.