Councilor Flynn, Senator Collins, and Representative Biele's Statement on the Vandalism of American Flags at Medal of Honor Park

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The people of Boston unequivocally denounce the hate and disgusting vandalism of American flags overnight at the Admiral Farragut Statue and the Korean War Memorial in South Boston. I filed a police report this morning with the Boston Police Department who are actively investigating the incident and working to identify those responsible. Another South Boston neighbor, John Linehan, filed a police report with the Massachusetts State Police.

It is unacceptable to cause vandalism to an American flag and/or any veterans memorial. In times of struggle and unity, the American flag captures the strength and legacy of the United States, our service members, veterans, Gold Star Families and our military families. These memorials are not just monuments, they are places of remembrance that acknowledge the supreme sacrifice made by these heroic veterans. We stand with our veterans and military families and respect the American flag today and every day.

We need to increase our security infrastructure including camera coverage to protect public assets honoring veterans and help law enforcement hold those accountable who violate the law by defacing them.

Following last night's incident, we must reaffirm our commitment to the values the American Flag represents to so many in South Boston, the Commonwealth and throughout the nation.

-Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn, U.S. Navy (Retired). Veteran - Operation Enduring Freedom, State Senator Nick Collins, and State Representative David Biele.