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Rep. Stubbs Calls for Universal Background Checks

MADISON, WI –Yesterday morning, Representative Shelia Stubbs (D-Madison), joined Governor Tony Evers, Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes, Attorney General Josh Kaul, and Democratic colleagues in introducing legislation expanding background checks for all firearms purchases in the state of Wisconsin in the wake of mass shootings in Texas and Ohio. Representative Stubbs released the following statement:

“For far too long, the epidemic of gun violence has terrorized communities across the nation. Every day, members of our community experience the heartbreak of losing a loved one due to senseless, but preventable, gun violence. Universal background checks are a common-sense solution to save lives and respect the rights of responsible gun owners.

“Not only are expanding universal background checks a commonsense, pragmatic solution that can save lives -- they are also universally popular. Over 91% of Americans support the policy and according to a 2018 Marquette Law Poll, 81% of all Wisconsinites and 78% of gun-owning Wisconsinites support the measure. Despite this broad support, legislative Republicans have refused to act. However, our communities can no longer wait; the urgency to do something now is greater than ever. Today I am calling on the Wisconsin State Legislature to act after years of inaction to help curb this senseless violence affecting communities throughout the state and country. It is time to stop playing politics with the safety of our communities, respect the will of the people, and do the right thing.”

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