



**Rep. Christine Sinicki: Statement on  
Universal Background Checks Bill**

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**MILWAUKEE** – Rep. Christine Sinicki (D-Milwaukee) issued a statement today about the [new proposal to close the background checks loophole](#) for gun ownership in Wisconsin:

"The members of the Legislature should sign on to this bill, hold public hearings, vote for, and pass it. If they fail to do so, then they must admit that they share responsibility for continued deaths by gun violence of children, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers.

"If some legislators refuse to require background checks for every type of gun sale, including private sales, then they are just looking the other way and pretending that they care. The bill itself provides ample exceptions where necessary, and does not infringe on the basic right to own a gun for those who can prove their fitness to do so.

"This bill presents a real opportunity to do [what a majority of voters in this state want](#): Close the loophole to easy gun purchases by people who want one without having to provide their credentials.

"It's time for legislators to prove their commitment to stopping the slaughter of innocent people by closing the gun purchase loophole."

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