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REP. HINTZ: STATEMENT ON GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

MADISON – In the aftermath of mass shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio; Assembly Democratic Leader Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) released the following statement on the Wisconsin State Legislature's role in keeping people safe in communities throughout Wisconsin:

"Families across Wisconsin are reflecting on the deadly violence that occurred in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio over the weekend. We try to make sense of this senseless act. This is a scenario that is repeated across the nation far too often.

"The United States is the only country that experiences mass shootings at this level. It's not even close. While there is no magic wand or state law that can immediately fix this problem, the heart of who we are as a state depends on us taking steps to reduce the likelihood of these tragedies occurring in the future. People should feel safe in their communities, and yet the vast majority of Wisconsinites are currently represented by politicians who won't even discuss the most basic steps that can be taken to protect the public and prevent these terrifying acts of violence.

"It's clear the public expects lawmakers to do everything possible to minimize the threat of gun violence in Wisconsin and around the country. Assembly Democrats look forward to passing meaningful universal background checks that close the gun show loophole, as many other states have done. In addition, we look forward to working with Representative Melissa Sargent and Attorney General Josh Kaul on passing a red flag law to intervene when an individual is a risk to themselves and others. Lastly, Wisconsin should restore its 48 hour waiting period for all firearm purchases."

Last session, Assembly Democrats brought a bill to the floor that would implement universal background checks for all gun purchases, something 97% of Americans support. Every single Republican voted against it.

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