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Representative Crowley Statement on Special Session (or Lack Thereof)

MADISON, WI – Representative Crowley made the following statement after the Speaker chose to open and close the special session without debating or acting on the two bills that Governor Ever's Executive Order called on the legislature to take up:

"My daughter was born two days ago. I should be at home with my wife, helping take care of her and my now three daughters. I almost did not come tonight, but I did – because the prevention of gun violence is important to me, my family, and my community.

"We are hearing all of these bills, and some of them are important bills, but we have not done what we were called here to do. We have not addressed the issue that is plaguing so many across our state – from rural communities, to the suburbs, to the inner cities, all of them are affected by some form of gun violence.

"Governor Evers called us here, specifically, to address gun violence prevention. We have a job to do. We were called to vote on gun violence prevention legislation that directly impacts us all. Unfortunately, we are not being allowed to do the job we were specifically sent here to do. The people of Wisconsin deserve a legislature that does not continually duck the hard choices. We deserve a legislature that does its job.""

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