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**Republican Inaction on Gun Safety Fails Wisconsin**

*Governor Evers and legislative Democrats focus on safety while Republicans play politics*

**MADISON** – Today, Assembly Republicans rejected Governor Evers’ call for a special session on gun safety. The special session called for universal background checks on all firearm purchases and the creation of Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO). Both bills are supported by over 80% of Wisconsinites. They are also data-driven policies that have been proven to work in both red and blue states. Representative Greta Neubauer (D-Racine) released the following statement on the Republican refusal to take up these basic public safety measures:

“Gun violence is a major issue that impacts every corner of our state, and I was encouraged when Governor Evers called on the legislature to take action to reduce incidents of gun violence in Wisconsin,” Rep. Neubauer stated. “Lives are at stake, while Republicans continue to play politics instead of acting.”

“At the front of my mind today is Angelica Rios-Bueno, a mom, nurse, and beloved member of our community who was killed by her former partner and domestic abuser last May. We can’t say whether these laws would have saved Angelica, but we do know that they have been a critical tool in preventing similar violence when enacted in states across the U.S.”

“With six months left in the legislative session there is no excuse for inaction. Everyone in our community deserves to live without the fear of gun violence, and state government has a role to play in keeping our friends and neighbors safe. Extreme risk protection orders and background checks are common sense, proven policies to address gun violence while still respecting due process and 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights.”

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