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Rep. Deb Andraca's Statement Following the Uvalde, Texas School Shooting

As a mother and former elementary school teacher, words are inadequate to express my sadness and frustration over the tragic loss of lives at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. It was my experience participating in a lockdown drill in an elementary school as a teacher that compelled me to fight for better gun laws and later run for State Assembly.

While mass shootings demand our attention, we must not lose sight of the fact that there are parts of our state where gun violence occurs almost every day. More than 80% of Wisconsin voters want stronger gun laws. Lives can be saved if elected leaders would take action.

For years Wisconsin Republican leaders have not only failed to respond to gun violence, they have refused to even discuss it. According to Everytown for Gun Safety, Wisconsin has some of the weakest gun laws in the country. We have no law requiring background checks on every gun sale, our laws protecting victims of domestic abuse are dangerously incomplete, and we have no extreme risk law to remove firearms from potentially dangerous situations. All of these measures were proposed during the most recent legislative session. All of them died in committee without any public hearings.

I call on Republican majority leaders to listen to their constituents and support common sense gun safety measures. I remain committed to fighting for common sense gun safety measures and I call on **all** of my colleagues to come together to cultivate a culture of responsible gun ownership.

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