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Rep. Stubbs' Statement on the Need for Action on Gun Safety Reform

MADISON, WI – During this year's Gun Violence Awareness Day, Wisconsin Legislative Democrats and members of the Wisconsin Coalition for Gun Safety urge immediate action on gun safety measures, including Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs) and universal background checks. On this, Representative Stubbs (D-Madison) released the following statement:

"The continued epidemic of gun violence is a price we are not willing to pay. After the horrific attacks in Uvalde, TX, Buffalo, NY, and most recently Racine, WI, it is inconceivable how one can look at the status quo and be satisfied. We need strong, sensible action now."

"Requiring universal background checks is a sensible, productive solution that the people demand. Closing the 'gun show' loop-hole would ensure those wishing to buy a firearm are properly vetted, helping prevent violence before it occurs. The vast majority of Wisconsinites, including gun owners, support this measure, we must fulfill the wishes of our constituents and ensure their safety."

"In too many tragedies there were warning signs and nothing could be done. That is why it is critical to allow Extreme Risk Protection Orders so that those who see danger can step in and prevent unnecessary grief and agony. ERPOs are a critical step towards reducing the numerous suicides and homicides that cause untold heartbreak."

"By preventing meaningful action to combat gun violence, those who oppose firearm reform in the Legislature are ignoring the deaths of hundreds of Wisconsinites each year. Every parent that can no longer hug their child, every sister and brother that will never hear from their sibling again, everyone that has lost a friend deserves an explanation for why their loved one had to die."