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### **Rep. Stubbs' Statement on Deadly School Shooting in Uvalde, Texas**

MADISON, WI- On May 24<sup>th</sup>, a gunman opened fire in a Uvalde, Texas elementary school, killing at least 19 students and 2 adults. After this tragedy, Representative Shelia Stubbs (D-Madison) delivered the following statement:

“My heart and my soul ache for the children we have lost. I offer my prayers for the families at this time, and I pray for every parent who will be sending their child to school today. We should not have to ask ourselves at breakfast if our children will come home safe for dinner.”

“This violence is as senseless as it is preventable. On October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, I introduced a bill to mandate [Universal Background Checks](#), but my Republican colleagues refused to give it a public hearing. On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, I introduced a bill to [restore local control of firearm regulation](#), but my Republican colleagues refused to give it a public hearing. On February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, I introduced a bill to reinstate the [48-hour waiting period](#) but my Republican colleagues refused to give it a public hearing. These are common-sense policies that I have championed, but the majority party in our legislature refuses to even consider these solutions. Inaction is an injustice, and the people of Wisconsin deserve better.”

“Gun violence is pervasive in communities across our country. In 2012, we lost 20 children and 6 staff members in Sandy Hook, CT. In 2022, we lost 19 more children and 2 more adults in Uvalde, TX. How many more families need to feel the impact of gun violence before we take action? How many more instances of death do we need to grieve before we make a change? When is enough finally enough?”

“While we pray for the families that are suffering in Uvalde today, I know that prayers are not enough. We must pass meaningful, common sense, firearm reforms before another tragedy strikes another community.”

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