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### **Rep. Dave Considine votes to support universal gun background checks**

**Madison** – Today, Rep. Debra Kolste of Janesville spoke on the Assembly floor to request a vote on Assembly Bill (AB) 65, which would require universal background checks on all gun sales in Wisconsin. Despite the fact that the recent Parkland shooting was the eighth school shooting to happen in the first seven weeks of the year, Republican leadership has chosen not to take up this legislation.

“I’m proud to stand with Rep. Kolste in asking Republicans to join us in taking up meaningful gun safety measures,” said Rep. Dave Considine (D-Baraboo). “I wish my colleagues in the majority would put aside political differences and represent the 97% of people that support background checks.”

In addition to requesting a vote in the full Assembly, Rep. Considine joined 27 of his Assembly Democratic colleagues in a letter asking Governor Walker and Republican leadership to advance several common-sense gun safety bills.

“As a gun owner myself, I grew up around firearms and my children and grandchildren have as well,” Rep. Considine stated. “But our world and our guns have changed, and our laws must change too. We have to begin somewhere, and universal background checks are a good start.”

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