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Rep. Pronschinske Expresses Concern over Special Session

Madison –On October 21st Governor Evers announced and called for a special session to address gun safety on two pieces of legislation that would circumvent due process and take guns away from law abiding citizens through extreme risk protection temporary restraining orders and injunctions (ERPO) and through a universal background check bill known as AB 431.

According to the proposed legislation of the ERPO bill, ‘upon receiving a petition filed by a law enforcement officer or a family or household member of the respondent, a court shall issue a temporary restraining order prohibiting the respondent from possessing a firearm and ordering the respondent to surrender all firearms’ and ‘a person who possesses a firearm while subject to an ERPO restraining order or injunction is guilty of a Class G felony.’ However, currently felons and those with a domestic and child abuse injunction are not able to possess firearms. Governor Evers additionally came out and said he would consider a mandatory gun buyback program.

“We should not be taking guns and rights away from law abiding citizens. This is a slippery slope and the founding fathers of this country saw this coming and made sure to make the Second Amendment as clear as possible ‘the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed,’ said Representative Treig E. Pronschinske (R-Mondovi). “AB 431 regarding Universal Background checks may sound great in theory and in polls, but there are many loopholes in this bill. They include gifting or inheriting guns to a family member, sale to law enforcement, or an armed service agency, including antique guns. If we are talking about having universal background checks and we are trying to stop people who maybe are not legally allowed to own a firearm, then these checks need to really be universal for everyone. These bills also fail to address the fact that if someone is desperate for a gun to inflict harm or other atrocities, they will find a way such as stealing one or perhaps evening buying one on the black market.”

“I agree that gun violence is not a matter to take lightly. But we must ensure that we are not punishing or taking rights away from law abiding citizens. It is the second right given under the Bill of Rights for a reason, because it protects all of our other rights. We should be teaching our children gun and hunter safety, and as a legislator, my colleagues and I will continue to invest in areas concerning mental health.

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