

Rep. Young: Supports special session on guns

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Banning Assault Weapons and High-Capacity Magazines are a Must

Madison – State Representative Leon D. Young (D-Milwaukee) announced today that he fully supports his Democratic colleagues' request that Governor Scott Walker convene a special session to consider common-sense gun safety legislation. According to Young, "The time for meaningful action on gun control legislation that aims to protect our children and the public at large is long overdue. Public opinion is shifting and approximately 70 percent of Americans now support stricter gun laws."

"Enacting common-sense gun control measures like: universal background checks, raising firearm age and banning bump stocks have wide public support and are all steps in the right direction. But, in truth, you're not going to solve the mass shooting problem in this country until, and unless, you get assault rifles off our streets and ban the possession of high-capacity magazines." "Truth be told, rapid-fire assault weapons with large clips of ammunition have only one purpose: the mass slaughter of large numbers of human beings. They were designed for use by the military to achieve that mission in combat — and that mission alone."

Therefore, if the Legislature is serious about doing its due diligence on this important public safety issue, it must also consider proposals that ban assault weapons and high-capacity

magazines.