

Forward Latino: Endorses legislation to close Wisconsin firearm background check loopholes

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FRANKLIN, WI – Forward Latino, a non-partisan, national advocacy and service delivery organization serving our nation's Hispanic community endorses the proposed legislation to close loopholes in existing Wisconsin background check law introduced this morning by Governor Evers and members of the state legislature at the Wisconsin Capitol.

Darryl Morin, President of Forward Latino stated, "this is commonsense firearm reform that is long overdue. From the recent hate-driven tragedies in Gilroy, El Paso and Dayton to last night's attacks on our members of law enforcement in Philadelphia, to mass-shootings we suffered in Oak Creek and Brookfield, we must act now to prevent further loss of life.

This bill when passed into law will expand the current background check requirement on the sale of firearms from dealers, to include the sale or transfers of firearms at gun shows, online and between private individuals. It does not infringe on second amendment rights as it will only impact individuals who already are prevented by law from purchasing a firearm. In 2018, the Marquette Law School Poll found 81% of all Wisconsinites support this measure including 78% of households that have a firearm. This is not an issue where there is a debate. There is overwhelming consensus on the need for this legislation and we cannot allow politics to get in the way of saving innocent lives."

ABOUT FORWARD LATINO:

Forward Latino is a non-profit, non-partisan national advocacy and service organization dedicated to assisting Latinos pursuing the American Dream. Forward Latino fulfills its mission through advocacy, civic engagement, education and service delivery. Learn more at www.forwardlatino.org .