

Gov. Evers: Republicans ignore 80 Percent of Wisconsinites, majority of gun owners, refuse to take up gun safety reform

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MADISON — On [Oct. 21, 2019](#), Gov. Tony Evers signed [Executive Order #54](#) calling for legislators to meet in a special session today, Thurs., Nov. 7, 2019, on commonsense gun safety reform proposals relating to universal background checks and extreme risk protection orders. Despite [overwhelming public support](#) for these proposals—including the support of the majority of Wisconsin gun owners—Republicans ignored the will of the people and refused to take up the bills. Gov. Evers responded with the following statement:

“Republicans essentially just told 80 percent of Wisconsinites and a majority of gun owners, ‘go jump in a lake,’ because they didn’t have the courage to take a vote—much less have a dialogue—on two bills about universal background checks and extreme risk protection orders that we know can save lives. And they did so at their own peril because now Republicans have to go back to their districts and explain to their constituents why they refused to even do their jobs today.”