

# Rep. Taylor: On anniversary of Sandy Hook shooting, GOP still in death grip of NRA

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MADISON - On the eve of the 7th anniversary of the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, Representative Chris Taylor (D-Madison) issued the following statement:

"I vividly remember that terrible day seven years ago. My own son was sitting in his 1st grade classroom as the 20 first graders at Sandy Hook Elementary were brutally murdered by an individual who never should have had access to a gun. Now my son is 13 years old, the age those murdered children would have been had they been spared this brutal act and had the killer not had access to a gun. And we are no closer to protecting our children from senseless gun violence due to the inaction of Republican policymakers. Getting access to a gun in America is easier than adopting a dog or registering to vote. Republican policymakers have refused to act in even the simplest ways, including passing a universal background checks bill, as children continue to be murdered in their schools.

"I join the public in rising up against this inaction. Policymakers who refuse to act because of the marching orders of the NRA should not hold public office. How many senseless killings have to occur, how many families have to have their hearts broken, and how many communities have to be shattered to compel powerful Republican politicians to act? Their indifference is unacceptable and unconscionable. They do not deserve to be in public office when they fail to pass gun safety measures the vast percentage of the people in this state and the nation support."