

Rep. Snodgrass: Statement on Fox River Mall shooting

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MADISON — Representative Lee Snodgrass released the following statement regarding the tragic shooting at the Fox River Mall in Grand Chute.

“Tragically no community in America is immune to the impacts of senseless gun violence. My heart goes out to the victims and their families, bystanders, and first responders at the traumatic events at the Fox River Mall in Appleton (Grand Chute) Sunday afternoon. May they be surrounded with community love and support and reassured by a renewed call to action to end gun violence in cities and towns across the country.

When there are continued incidents of gun violence, one cannot have the luxury of silent time of reflection. The time for action on common sense laws which will reduce future injury and death from gun violence is now. We know that reducing incidents of gun deaths is multi-pronged and includes an investment in mental health treatment, however, the one common denominator in gun violence is guns. Making sure that we have Extreme Risk protection laws, expanded background check, and requiring waiting periods for purchase are just a few ways we could make an impact on reducing senseless gun deaths and injuries.

The Republican controlled Wisconsin State Legislature refused convene to address the issue when Governor Evers called a special session in November 2019, asking them to consider two pieces of legislation to help reduce gun violence. Wisconsin lost 604 people to gun violence in 2019 according to the Centers for Disease Control. I call on my colleagues to stop standing by and take action on common sense bills which community members and responsible gun owners alike support.*

State Assembly Representative Lee Snodgrass serves the 57th district which

comprises central and southern Appleton, Menasha, and the Village of Fox Crossing. She was elected in November 2020.