

U.S. Rep. Moore: Introduces legislation to provide community de-escalation training

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Congresswoman Gwen Moore (WI-04) introduced the National Community Violence De-Escalation Training Act of 2021, which would establish a program funding eligible entities such as churches, schools, community colleges, and others to provide de-escalation training to community members to prevent and reduce violence in our communities. Following the introduction of her bill, Congresswoman Moore released the following statement:

“With the death of George Floyd, our nation faced a reckoning that forced us all into a national conversation on public safety. As we look to reform policing, I want to build on the concept of de-escalation training, and extend it beyond police officers, to people such as teachers, religious leaders, and others who are often respected and pillars in their communities. Every person can play a role in promoting peace and safety in their own communities, where long-lasting change happens.

A few weeks ago, President Biden called for supporting community programs, ‘that reduce gun violence, keep communities safe, and make real, positive difference in people’s lives.’

With my legislation, we can provide community members in schools, non-profits, community college and churches the tools to diffuse conflict, promote peace, and prevent violence.”

The legislation has been endorsed by Black Women for Positive Change and the Next Generation Action Network. Original cosponsors of the measure in the House include: Representatives Emmanuel Cleaver II (MO), Eleanor Holmes Norton (DC), A.

Donald McEachin (VA), Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ), Nanette Diaz Barragan (CA), Julia Brownley (CA), Jahana Hayes (CT), Eric Swalwell (CA), Kathy Castor (FL), John Yarmuth (KY), and Andre Carson (IN).