

WisDems: Michels refuses to answer on background checks; opposes bipartisan gun safety package

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MADISON, Wis. – Yesterday, while [responding to questions from WKOW](#), Tim Michels failed to support the U.S. Senate’s bipartisan gun safety package, blamed gun violence on people who did not report mass shooters earlier, and refused to answer when asked if he supports expanded background checks.

When asked if he supports the Senate’s bipartisan gun safety package, Michels said that mass shootings are “not the guns” and instead a “cultural problem” and a “byproduct of the whole ‘defund the police’ movement.”

When pressed further, Michels stumbled and instead blamed people for not reporting shooters earlier – but failed to support [red flag laws](#), which would allow law enforcement to temporarily remove guns from people who are a danger to themselves or others. Michels also deflected when asked if he supports common sense measures like expanded background checks, saying “I don’t have that answer today.”

Tim Michels has a knack for failing to answer questions — in the wake of the tragic school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, Michels’ campaign did not return requests to the [Cap Times](#), the [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), or the [Associated Press](#) about his plans to keep kids safe and prevent gun violence.

“Wisconsinites want common sense and bipartisan solutions to gun violence, yet Tim Michels is refusing to answer on whether he supports common sense measures like expanded background checks,” said **Democratic Party of Wisconsin Rapid Response Director Hannah Menchhoff**. “Tim Michels’ radical stance on guns is

out-of-touch with the vast majority of Wisconsinites and will put more lives at risk.”