

WisDems: Republican gubernatorial candidates are radical and wrong on public safety

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MADISON, Wis. - Tim Michels and Rebecca Kleefisch prioritize the gun lobby and partisan politics over the safety of Wisconsinites. Their radical agendas will make people less safe.

Tim Michels wants 18-year-olds to be able to buy AR-15s, with no waiting period. He [opposed](#) a bipartisan package of reforms that included background checks for 18-year-olds purchasing guns, and made it harder for deadly weapons to fall into the hands of domestic abusers.

Michels has pledged to lift restrictions on firearms, opposes an assault weapons ban, and said he will not support "[red flag](#)" laws backed by [81% of Wisconsin voters](#). When discussing red flag laws at a recent debate, which are often used as a response tool for victims of domestic violence, Michels [said](#) that abusers shouldn't have their weapons confiscated because an "angry ex, ex spouse makes a complaint. 'Oh, he made a threat to me' and then the police have to go confiscate his guns."

In his first term, Gov. Evers has vetoed bills which would jeopardize public safety, including a bill that would've allowed loaded guns on school grounds. Tim Michels has pledged to sign bills Evers vetoed, including the bill to permit guns on school grounds.

Kleefisch is proud of her "[A](#)" rating from the guns-everywhere extremists at the NRA and wouldn't let Michels forget it when he lied about an NRA endorsement on a mailer. She is opposed to common sense gun safety measures like [expanded](#)

[background checks](#) and [red flag laws](#), and instead backs [permitless concealed carry](#) without any training. In the wake of the Uvalde Elementary school shooting, Kleefisch lauded efforts to make some [Wisconsin communities](#) “Second Amendment sanctuaries” rather than finding ways to keep kids safe at school.

“Tim Michels and Rebecca Kleefisch are against even the most common sense gun safety measures and embrace radical policies that would make our communities less safe,” said **Democratic Party of Wisconsin Rapid Response Director Hannah Menchhoff**. “If either candidate is elected, dangerous legislation like the Republican-backed measure to allow loaded guns on school grounds and permitless concealed carry could become law.”