

Sen. Agard, Dem colleagues: Introduce gun violence prevention bills

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MADISON – Today, Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) joined her Democratic colleagues, Attorney General Kaul, and community advocates to introduce three life-saving gun safety proposals. Senator Agard released the following statement regarding the legislation:

“Every individual deserves to be free from gun violence, regardless of where they live, work, and play. However, this is not a reality for too many people across our country and in our own state. There have been more mass shootings than days in 2023. While this is absolutely shameful, we must also not forget that suicides have long accounted for [more than half of gun deaths in the United States](#).

“We cannot continue to accept the gun violence that plagues our society. This is unacceptable and preventable. I am proud to again introduce common-sense legislation that is broadly supported by Wisconsinites. The legislation introduced today would close the background check loophole, establish Extreme Risk Protection Orders, and make gun safes, barrel locks, and trigger locks sales tax exempt to encourage safe and responsible storage of firearms.

“Continued inaction is complicity. The legislature cannot continue to ignore this issue while our friends, neighbors, and communities are suffering. There are practical, proven, and popular solutions available – we just need to take action. The time is now to pass common sense gun safety laws and keep Wisconsinites safe.”