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## **Rep. Emerson Statement in Support of Universal Background Check Legislation**

**MADISON** – Today, Democratic lawmakers joined Governor Tony Evers, Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes, and Attorney General Josh Kaul to introduce legislation closing the background check loophole. Representative Jodi Emerson (D – Eau Claire) issued the following statement:

*“With mass shootings becoming a routine occurrence across the country, the public is calling for legislative leaders to step up and shape public policy that increases safety in our communities. The bill put forth by the Governor and my fellow legislative Democrats is a common-sense measure, supported by 81% of all Wisconsinites and 78% of gun-owning households. Universal background checks help keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people like domestic abusers and felons. In short, this legislation strengthens the Wisconsin values of responsible gun ownership.*

*“I am pleased to support this important bill, and hope my Republican colleagues will join me in taking a bipartisan first step to increase safety in communities throughout Wisconsin.”*

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