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Weekly Democratic Radio Address: The Urgent Need for Common Sense Gun Reform

MADISON, WI – Senator Jennifer Shilling (D-La Crosse) offered the Democratic weekly radio address to discuss the urgent need for common sense gun safety reform in Wisconsin:

The audio file of this week’s address can be found here:

<https://sen-dem.cms.legis.wisconsin.gov/media/1308/senator-jennifer-shilling-democratic-weekly-radio-address-the-urgent-need-for-common-sense-gun-reform.mp3>

A written transcript of the address is below:

“Hello, I’m Democratic Leader Senator Jennifer Shilling with this week’s radio address.

“This week, organizations throughout the state are demanding immediate action on behalf of the legislature to pass meaningful gun safety legislation to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous individuals.

“Currently, there is a dangerous loophole that allows domestic abusers, and convicted felons to obtain a firearm. While the overwhelming majority of gun owners are consistently safe with their firearms, our second amendment rights come with responsibilities and common-sense efforts to reduce gun violence and continue to promote gun safety.

“Closing this loophole and passing universal background checks should be a no-brainer. Not only do we know that these laws help keep the public safe, but they’re extremely popular amongst Wisconsinites clearly fed up with seeing innocent lives taken due to senseless gun violence. An overwhelming majority of both gun-owning households and non-gun-owning households support common-sense legislation to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people.

“Every Wisconsinite should have the opportunity to go to school, a place of worship, or any other public space in their community knowing that it is a safe space free from the threat of deadly weapons and dangerous individuals. It is past time for Republicans to work with Democrats on legislation that will keep our communities safe.”

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