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## Senator Darling Ignores Public Plea for Gun Safety

Republican Refuses to Address Special Session on Gun Violence

MADISON – In the wake of recent mass shootings across the country, Senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) continues to ignore the pleas of Wisconsinites demanding action to address gun violence. Despite Governor Evers call for a special session to strengthen background checks and enact Extreme Risk Protection legislation, Senator Darling is refusing to do her job.

"While families are pleading with the legislature to close the dangerous loopholes that allow convicted felons and domestic abusers to purchase firearms, Sen. Darling is nowhere to be found," said Katie Iliff, SSDC Executive Director. "There have already been too many tragic incidents in Wisconsin as a result of our weakened gun laws. Rather than improving public safety, Sen. Darling stands in the way of common sense gun reform and continues to support the NRA."

A <u>Marquette Law Poll</u> found 80 percent of Wisconsinites – including the vast majority of gun owners – support closing Wisconsin's gun show loophole. Sen. Darling has repeatedly voted against gun safety proposals to reinstate the 48-hour cooling off period, prohibit the sale of bump stocks, and close the loophole to prevent convicted felons and domestic abusers from purchasing firearms. Since her time in the legislature, Senator Darling has received \$5,035 in direct contributions from the NRA, the third most of any Republican.

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