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Wisconsin Gun Owners, Inc. (WGO) Supports Resolution to Allow Gun Shows

Madison, Wis. — Wisconsin Gun Owners, Inc. (WGO) — Wisconsin’s only no-compromise gun rights organization — supports a resolution that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors will be considering allowing gun shows to continue in the Milwaukee County Sports Complex. The resolution affirms law-abiding citizens’ right to purchase the firearms they need for self-defense at any venue they see fit, the organization says.

Milwaukee County Supervisor Liz Sumner, District 1, asserted that her priority is equity. “If their idea of equity includes unfairly targeting gun owners, then that doesn’t seem very equitable at all,” said Thomas Leager, executive director of WGO. “Ms. Sumner admitted that the gun show ban has nothing to do with safety or reducing violence. She could not articulate a good reason to prohibit the show, which has a perfectly safe track record. It looks like Ms. Sumner and some members of this Board believe it’s OK to discriminate against people who happen to be gun owners.”

WGO says board members’ claim that 85-95 percent of vendors at the show are private sellers and that the show is a “loophole” or hub for illegal arms transactions is false.

“60 percent of the show’s vendors are FFL dealers that require background checks; private sellers can only sell to in-State residents,” Leager noted. “And private sellers often use the FFL services to perform their transactions to avoid legal repercussions from private sales. I would hope the Board would seek out facts over fiction,” Leager said.

About WGO

Founded in 2003, Wisconsin Gun Owners, Inc. (WGO) works tirelessly to restore gun rights in the Badger State using a grassroots activism model that forces lawmakers of either party to go on the record and answer to gun owners. The group opposes all gun control, even “reasonable restrictions” often supported by republicans. WGO is a 501(c)4 advocacy organization and registered charitable non-profit in the State of Wisconsin. Learn more at wisconsin-gunowners.org.