Action Alert: Tell Your State Representative to Support the SAFE Act

Your Voice is Needed to Prevent Domestic Violence Homicides. Tell your State Representative to Support the SAFE Act.

Call or Email Your Legislators Now

Since 2000, over 50 people in Wisconsin have been killed by domestic abusers who were legally prohibited from possessing a gun. Some of these abusers had domestic abuse restraining orders issued against them that specifically required them to surrender their guns. Yet, in many Wisconsin counties, no one verifies that abusers actually turn in their guns, which leaves victims at greater risk.

New legislation would ensure that abusers who are banned under current law from possessing guns are asked about firearms they own or possess after they are subject to a restraining order. Abusers who have guns would be held accountable for complying with the law.

Please call or email your State Representative and tell him or her to support AB 464, the SAFE Act (Stopping Abuse Fatalities through Enforcement). ***See below for talking points and a sample email.***

Talking Points

- "Hello, my name is ____ and I am a constituent, from [your town or city and program, if applicable]."
- "I urge Representative [last name] to support AB 464 from Representative Bies."
- The legislation creates a procedure so that the laws we already have to protect victims and prevent domestic violence homicides actually work.
- A study found that victims felt safer with these procedures in place and that officials reported the procedures were not burdensome.
- The bills will not affect the rights of anyone who is currently able to possess a gun.
- Nationally and in Wisconsin, more domestic violence homicides are committed with guns than by all other methods combined.
- Since 2000, over 50 people in Wisconsin have been killed by domestic abusers who were legally prohibited from possessing a gun

?Sample Email

Dear Representative **[Name]**:

I am writing to urge you to support **AB 464, the SAFE Act (Stopping Abuse Fatalities through Enforcement)** My name is **[Your Name]** from **[city and program, if applicable]**.

This bill will help enforce current laws, which are intended to keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers. Since 2000, over 50 people in Wisconsin have been shot and killed by domestic abusers who were legally prohibited from possessing a gun.

AB 464 will not affect the rights of anyone who is currently allowed to possess a gun. The legislation only creates a procedure to ensure that the current relinquishment requirement is enforced as part of the restraining order process. These procedures have already been successfully piloted in four Wisconsin counties. A study found that victims felt safer with the procedures in place and that officials reported the procedures were not burdensome.

Again, I urge you to support this life-saving legislation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Your Name, City]

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