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Madison – End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin thanks Democratic members of the State Senate and Assembly for introducing common sense and lifesaving firearm legislation today. The bills include extreme risk protection orders (ERPOs) and universal background checks on gun sales.

For the past 20 years, End Abuse has produced an annual homicide report with the intention of honoring the lives of victims of DV & catalyzing improvements in systemic & community responses. Between 2000-2020, 890 people were killed in domestic violence-related homicide incidents in communities across Wisconsin that we know of.

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LRB-2751 simply closes a loophole by expanding the requirement for a state background check

to cover all firearm purchases in Wisconsin, in order to reduce illegal gun sales and transfers.

“The universal background check bill has been a long-standing priority for End Abuse. States with simple checks like this one have shown to have nearly 40% fewer women shot and killed annually” stated Jenna Gormal, Director of Public Policy at End Domestic Abuse WI. “That is a staggering and significant number – we urge legislators to support the swift passage of this legislation”

To review our most recent Annual Wisconsin Domestic Violence Homicide Report, released on Sept 22nd, 2021, visit: www.endabusewi.org/homicide-reports/

If you would like to support End Abuse’s work, we invite you to attend our annual virtual fundraiser on Wednesday, September 29 from 5:30-7:30 pm, Soar Above at Home. Additional information and registration is available at https://bit.ly/SoarAbove21

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End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin: The Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence (End Abuse, www.endabusewi.org) is the leading voice for victims of domestic abuse in Wisconsin. At End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin, we educate shelter and program volunteers and advocates, law enforcement, legislators, and community members to provide safety and support to survivors. We strive to shift Wisconsin from the attitudes and beliefs that cause domestic violence to values of mutual respect and equity, and we partner with communities in the effort to prevent and end domestic abuse. We encourage reporters to include the National Domestic Violence Hotline number [1–800–799–SAFE(7233)] in their stories for victims who need help. A list of local Wisconsin domestic violence victim service providers can be found at www.endabusewi.org/get-help