

Democratic Radio: The Time For Action On Gun Violence Is Now

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MADISON, WI – Senator LaTonya Johnson (D-Milwaukee) offered the Democratic weekly radio address this week on the urgent need to expand universal background checks to keep Wisconsinites safe.

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

<https://sen-dem.cms.legis.wisconsin.gov/media/1307/senator-latonya-johnson-democratic-weekly-radio-address-the-time-for-action-on-gun-violence-is-now.mp3>

A written transcript of the address is below:



"Hello, I'm State Senator LaTonya Johnson with this week's radio address.

"I was proud to stand with Governor Tony Evers and my Democratic colleagues to introduce legislation to expand background checks for firearm purchases in Wisconsin.

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“Currently, a dangerous loophole in federal law exists that allows a domestic abuser, fugitive from justice, or felon to purchase a firearm from an unlicensed vendor without being required to undergo a background check.

“While the overwhelming majority of gun owners are consistently responsible with their firearms, as legislators we have a duty to keep our communities safe and close loopholes that allow dangerous individuals to purchase a gun. It is unacceptable to stand idly by while high-profile mass shootings routinely make headlines and bullets fly through city blocks taking the lives of innocent children.

“Every person 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 place, free from the threat of deadly weapons and dangerous people. It’s time that we listen to the majority of Wisconsinites who support expanding background checks and join the other 21 states who have already closed this dangerous loophole.”