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STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 36<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

November 9, 2021

Attn: Marinette County Board  
Re: Second Amendment Sanctuary County

To whom it may concern:

As the State Representative of the 36<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, I would like to share my support for the effort to make Marinette County a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. The right to own and bear arms is enshrined in the constitution, but recent efforts have been made to chip away at that right. That is why I am supportive of the United Constitutionals of Marinette County's call to help further protect these rights by making Marinette a Second Amendment Sanctuary County.

One of the major issues facing our community is the increasing push to restrict gun ownership rights for law-abiding citizens. The ability to own a firearm is not only protected, but it is essential for our citizens to ensure the safety and security of our communities and families. We've been hearing talk from the federal level that President Biden and Congress could pass laws to more tightly regulate gun sales and ownership in a misguided effort to reduce firearm violence. Unfortunately, these restrictions will only harm those of us who are law-abiding citizens, and the criminals will still find ways to get ahold of a firearm.

As a parent and grandparent, there is nothing more important to me than the safety of my family, and regardless of political leanings, I know this is something everyone can agree on. As such, I believe there is reason to address the issue of firearm violence from various fronts while also preserving our Second Amendment rights, such as through mental health and violence prevention efforts. In past sessions, to address the concerns that folks have raised with gun violence, I've supported bills and budgets that have allocated funding for mental health programs, grants to help with school security, and supporting violence prevention programs. These efforts will do more to reduce gun violence than additional restrictions on lawful gun owners will ever do.

Unfortunately, this method of addressing firearm violence isn't supported by our President or even Wisconsin's Attorney General. At the state level, I've consistently fought to preserve our right to bear arms and right to due process and will continue to do so. However, becoming a Second Amendment Sanctuary County can only further protect those rights from the bad-actors in government both at the state and federal level.

It's for these reasons and more why I urge the members of the Marinette County Board to support the United Constitutionals of Marinette County's proposal to make Marinette County a Second Amendment Sanctuary County and take this step to help preserve our constitutional rights. Thank you for your consideration, and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,