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FORWARD LATINO DEMANDS WISCONSIN LEGISLATORS ACT TO BLOCK VIOLENT FELONS FROM PURCHASING FIREARMS ONLINE & ALLOW POLICE AND FAMILY TO REQUEST EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDERS

Franklin, WI: Forward Latino, a non-profit, non-partisan advocacy and service organization with members in 29 states issued the following statement following an evening that saw 20 people in Milwaukee wounded by gun violence.

Forward Latino National President Darryl Morin issued the following statement:

“This morning the nation awoke to the tragic news that 20 people were wounded by gun violence last night in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This follows record levels of gun violence across the state.

While we await the details of the two shootings, we know that there are two actions overwhelming supported by the people of Wisconsin, both Republican and Democrat alike, and that we know would save Wisconsin lives. The first is to have the state legislature close loopholes that allow violent felons to purchase firearms online. The second would allow law enforcement and family members to request an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) in court, when they know of an individual or family member with a firearm who poses an imminent threat to themselves or others. The proposed legislation is almost identical to the statute proposed and passed by former Governor Scott Walker that dealt with gun violence in domestic abuse situations. ERPOs have been found constitutional by even the most conservative members of the United States Supreme Court.

While there may be some who try to paint gun violence is a Milwaukee issue, the truth is that historically, most lives lost to gun violence in Wisconsin are those of men in rural settings who chose to take their own life with a gun.

Forward Latino will continue to work with our fellow members of the 80% Coalition, our elected officials and law enforcement until these measures are passed.”

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