



## 10 Years of No-Compromise

By Corey Graff, Executive Director

meant and the other half was dead set against it. The institutional gun lobby tried everything to stop us—they made up lies about us, attacked me personally; heck, they even tried to cajole us, and buy us off. They tried to ignore us. And each time they came out looking like, well, plainly evil people.

We were there to cause more trouble when our congressional caucus defied gun owners and jumped on the mental health-background check bandwagon, along with the most virulent anti-gun members of congress all to support “reasonable” gun controls in the wake of several mass shootings. But we just wouldn’t play along.

**“The need for WGO’s fiercely independent analysis and advocacy on right to keep and bear arms issues is needed even more so today than when we began.”**

In fact, we are just now starting to see how right we were in opposing this dangerous expansion of Jim and Sarah Brady’s national registration scheme as more and more people are conveniently misdiagnosed under the broad definitions of mental health science and denied their right to buy a gun.

We worked successfully with a national coalition of no-compromise groups to ensure the Clinton “assault weapons” ban sunsetted; and that the recent attempts to resurrect it following the Sandy Hook shooting

didn’t get off the ground.

And then there are a whole slew of gun control bills we’re trying to stop here in the state legislature. There are bills to microstamp ammo, ban private handgun sales, ban semi-auto rifles, expand background checks, ban ammo, prohibit carrying in the state capitol, and ban so-called “high capacity” magazines.

On the flip side, we’re actively lobbying on several pro-gun issues and bills, including (as already mentioned) pushing to improve Wisconsin’s concealed weapons law via Constitutional Carry, Rep. Michael Schraa’s Firearms Freedom Act, creating exceptions to the gun free zones so that armed school programs can be more easily implemented, shooting range protection and making it easier to buy guns through interstate transfers.

And our PAC is playing a role in choosing solid pro-gun candidates for public office in the state.

It’s all been possible thanks to you—your help, your grassroots activism, and your generous support of WGO.

So here’s to ten more years—may it continue to bring the sweet repudiation of idiots and anti-gunners everywhere. Yes, we wouldn’t have it any other way. 

### During times of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act.

This fall marks the 10 year anniversary of WGO. When we started, the goal was simple: Hold the cronies and compromisers from both political parties accountable for their support of gun control. And there were (and are) plenty of cronies, believe me.

It was a formula that was badly needed. But it wouldn’t exactly engender warm and fuzzy feelings from the establishment in Madison. Indeed, we drew their scorn and deepest hatred, a fact we wear as a badge of honor even now.

The need for WGO’s fiercely independent analysis and advocacy on right to keep and bear arms issues is needed even more so today than when we began.

We’ve accomplished much, including passage of concealed carry. We stood alone in exposing the dangerous details snuck into the legislation—resulting in a fierce grassroots fight to clean up the objectionable provisions of the bill.

We were the first group to publicly lobby for Vermont-style Carry (Constitutional Carry) when one half of the legislature was woefully ignorant of what that term even

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## Mission

To restore and defend the right to keep and bear arms through on-target strategy, and to hold accountable all those who surrender that right through compromise.



## Walker-Barrett Gun Ban

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## WI Firearm Freedom Act Introduced

Madison, Wis. — State Representative Michael Schraa (R-Oshkosh) announced legislation to protect Wisconsin gun owners from unconstitutional gun control measures being pushed on the federal level. The bill would bar local and state law enforcement officers from assisting in the enforcement of federal measures to ban certain firearms, firearm accessories, magazines, or types of bullets.

“This bill, the Firearms Freedom Act, sends a simple message to the federal government,” said Schraa. “Wisconsin will not help you take away our second amendment rights.”

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**State Rep. Michael Schraa (R-Oshkosh) introduced the Wisconsin Firearms Freedom Act.**

## Walker, Barrett Team Up For Gun Control

Milwaukee, Wis. — Getting tough on criminals who use guns is a thinly-veiled way of ramming tough new gun controls into place, and now Wisconsin’s Republican Governor Scott Walker has taken up the cause.

Walker has teamed up with anti-gun poster boy Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett to begin going hard after so-called illegal gun possession. Of course, it’s all under the guise of getting tough on crime (wink, wink).

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**Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker (R) teamed up with notorious anti-gun Mayor Tom Barrett (D) to push expanded gun control.**

## Firearm Freedom Act

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The bill's provisions against enforcing certain federal gun control measures only apply to local and state law enforcement officers, and do not in any way affect federal law enforcement officers. This approach is similar in legal precedence to certain states' stances on minor drug violations, that local and state law enforcement do not enforce certain federal laws, but do not interfere with federal law enforcement activities.

Also included in the legislation is protections for officers from demotion, termination, or other punishment for following this law. The language of the protections is taken directly from the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights that already exists in state statute.

The bill would also bar a physician, other than a psychiatrist, from requiring a patient to disclose if they own firearms. In January, President Barack Obama through executive action made it his administration's official stance that no federal law is stopping doctors from asking patients about gun ownership.

"Owning a firearm, or not owning a firearm, is a personal decision that has nothing to do with your physical health," said Schraa. "Patients should not feel intimidated or harassed by their physicians over the exercise of a constitutional right."

Another provision of the bill declares that firearms manufactured in Wisconsin and including the stamp "Made in Wisconsin" are not subject to federal interstate commerce regulation as they have not traveled between states.

According to The Council of State Governments, over 30 states are considering similar bills, and eight have already enacted similar measures.

Rep. Schraa lives in the Town of Algoma near Oshkosh. He serves the 53rd Assembly District, which is comprised of 17 villages and towns and three cities. The northern area covers the Town of Oshkosh and several wards in the City of Oshkosh, west from the Town of Algoma to Omro and south covering the City of Waupun and the Village of North Fond du Lac. 



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## MADE IN WISCONSIN

2013 – 2014 Legislature LRB-2063/1  
WISCONSIN FIREARMS FREEDOM ACT  
Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits a state or local law enforcement officer from enforcing a federal act, law, statute, rule, regulation, treaty, or order (federal law) that takes effect on or after January 1, 2013, if the federal law bans or restricts semi-automatic firearms, assault weapons, or magazines; requires registration of firearms, magazines, or other firearm accessories; regulates the capacity of magazines; regulates the quantity of ammunition or bullets an individual may possess; prohibits types of ammunition or bullets; or requires the confiscation of a firearm. A law enforcement officer who knowingly violates the prohibition is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

In the case of a challenge to the prohibition, the legislature has included an intent statement that finds authority for it in the second, ninth, and tenth amendments to the U.S. Constitution and in article I, section 25, of the Wisconsin Constitution and that declares that firearms manufactured in Wisconsin have not traveled in interstate commerce and thus are not subject to federal regulation under the interstate-commerce clause of the U.S. Constitution and that the incorporation of firearm components that have traveled in interstate commerce in a firearm manufactured in Wisconsin does not subject the firearm to federal regulation under the commerce clause.

This bill also requires a manufacturer of firearms in this state to include a stamp on the firearm that reads "Made in Wisconsin." This requirement applies only to firearms manufactured after the effective date of the requirement, and this bill delays that effective date by six months.

The bill provides that no physician, other than a psychiatrist, may, in conjunction with obtaining the patient's personal information and medical history, do either of the following: inquire of the patient, whether orally, through an employee or agent, or through the use of a form, whether the patient has any firearms in the patient's home or on the patient's property; or 2) require the patient to disclose such information before providing treatment to the patient. A physician who violates the prohibition may be fined not more than \$25,000, imprisoned not more than 9 months, or both.

## Team Walker-Barrett

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**Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett proposes tough new gun measures that can eventually be used against all law-abiding gun owners. And with Governor Scott Walker's support, he might just succeed.**

"Gov. Scott Walker ... expressed support for new legislation, sought by Mayor Tom Barrett and Police Chief Edward Flynn, that would create a mandatory minimum sentence for those who illegally possess a firearm," according to the August 7, 2013 *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* report.

The new gun control tag team is especially worrisome considering how broadly defined "illegal possession of a firearm" can be in this day and age.

The long-standing battle cry of the institutional gun lobby has always been to enforce existing gun laws, not create new ones, but WGO points out that most of the existing gun laws are not only unconstitutional, but have been used by the government

to imprison otherwise law-abiding firearm owners. This amounts to a fashioning of the chains that bind us, astute gun activists will realize.

## Senator Darling Gets Tough on Guns (Rights)

State Senator Alberta Darling (R) (a long-time champion of republican-style anti-gun legislation) is reportedly drafting a bill that would impose a three-year minimum prison sentence on someone who illegally possesses a gun.

With momentum in the state to ramp up National Instant Check System (NICS) background checks with far-reaching private health data, and the ever-changing definitions of mental illness, government bureaucrats are crafting a convenient system in which to deny gun ownership to virtually anyone, and, now thanks to team Walker-Barrett, imprison anyone who doesn't comply.

"Anybody who wants to clamp down on individuals who are illegally possessing a firearm or people who commit crimes while getting access to firearms, that's something I'm willing to work for," Walker said.

## Walker-Barrett Target Concealed Carry

Mayor Barrett, never passing up a chance to undermine concealed carry, proposed "updating" the concealed weapons law, according to the report.

"Barrett also called

for an updated concealed carry law to exclude individuals from getting a permit if they are convicted of three or more misdemeanors within a five-year period. The governor said he would be willing to look at that proposal but made no commitment," the *Journal Sentinel* reported.

"If there are ways to improve that, we will," Walker said.

## Police Chief Flynn, ATF, to "Trace" Guns

Mayor Barrett and Milwaukee Police Chief Ed Flynn had lobbied hard for more resources to increase community policing and gun tracing.

"The chief also said the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives had agreed to work with the department to trace every recovered firearm. The federal agency will try to determine how criminals came into possession of the firearms, he said," according to the story.

"We will follow the gun very closely," Flynn said. 



# WI: Range Protection Bill Passes

Madison, Wis. — Wisconsin Act 35, formerly State Senate Bill 162, was enacted on July 15, 2013. The shooting range protection bill allows existing ranges to operate as of July 16, 2013 with protection from a host of zoning ordinances and other threats.

The legislation was supported by Wisconsin Gun Owners, Inc., Safari Club International Wisconsin Chapter, Wisconsin Bear Hunters Association, Wisconsin Trap Shooting Association and others. The National Rifle Association was not listed on the Government Accountability website as taking a position on the bill at press time.

The pro-gun bill was sponsored by Senators Kedzie, Lassa, Grothman and L. Taylor; and cosponsored by Representatives Krug, Kleefisch, Tranel, Petryk, Marklein, Spiros, Tittl, Doyle, Ballweg and Loudenbeck.



**Congratulations to Kevin M., of Evansville, Wisconsin, on winning a Bushmaster AR-15 in WGO's recent giveaway! Stay tuned to wisconsin-gunowners.org for our next sweepstakes.**

# Cronyism and the Bureaucracy: Rep. Suder Takes a Hike

Madison, Wis. — Long-time neoconservative legislator Scott Suder (R-69th) is moving up in the world. Following an illustrious career as a state representative in which he battled tooth and nail against WGO and true pro-gun reform, Suder was offered the plum job as division administrator for water, compliance and consumer affairs in the Wisconsin Public Service Commission by Scott Walker.

However, the Suder nomination came amidst the Walker-US Sportsman scandal in which it was learned that several key republicans

played a part in securing a \$500,000 grant to the United Sportsmen of Wisconsin Inc., a group that purportedly lobbies on behalf of hunting and fishing issues.

One of Suder's last acts as a legislator was to secure the grant, monies which Governor Walker was later forced to rescind. Instead, Suder turned down the WPS job and took a position as a lobbyist for the Wisconsin Paper Council.

Rep. Jeff Stone (R-82nd) also resigned and will take the WPS job originally offered to Suder.



**Rep. Suder: Rewarded for cronyism with a plush government job?**

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# Suder Takes a Hike

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“Scott Suder was dishonest with the public and hid his ploy to give taxpayer money to his political allies using hunters in Wisconsin as pawns,” Rep. Nick Milroy (D-South Range) was reported as saying in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. “He should not be rewarded for hurting taxpayers, and exploiting hunters, with a high-paying job in

Gov. Walker’s administration.”

Suder was best known for refusing to support Constitutional Concealed Carry and answer simple questions about gun rights on surveys issued by WGO, earning him an F.

Running in the special election created by the vacancy is Scott Noble (R) of Wisconsin Rapids, who earned the endorsement of Wisconsin Gun Owners - Political Action Committee (WGO).



**Scott Noble (R) garnered WGO-PAC's endorsement in the 69th dist. election.**

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# WGO Bill Watch

## Summary of current gun legislation in Wisconsin

Editor's note: To view all gun-related legislation being tracked, with links to bills and last major legislative actions, visit [wisconsin-gunowners.org/bill-watch](http://wisconsin-gunowners.org/bill-watch)



### Wisconsin State Legislature 2013-2014 Session

Bill	Position	Description	Status
AB138	Oppose	Expanded background checks on sales and transfers of firearms and providing a penalty. Introduced by Representatives Richards, Berceau, Barnes, Goyke, Johnson, Bernard Schaber, Billings, Clark, Genrich, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hulsey, Kahl, Kessler, Kolste, Ohnstad, Pasch, Pope, Riemer, Ringhand, Sargent, Sinicki, C. Taylor, Wright, Young, Zamarripa and Zepnick; cosponsored by Senators Harris, Lehman, Risser, Carpenter, Hansen, Miller, Shilling and L. Taylor	Status: Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice
SB124	Oppose	Expanded background checks on sales and transfers of firearms and providing a penalty. Introduced by Senators Harris, Lehman, Risser, Carpenter, Hansen, Miller, Shilling and L. Taylor; cosponsored by Representatives Richards, Berceau, Barnes, Goyke, Johnson, Bernard Schaber, Billings, Clark, Genrich, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hulsey, Kahl, Kessler, Kolste, Ohnstad, Pasch, Pope, Riemer, Ringhand, Sargent, Sinicki, C. Taylor, Wright, Young, Zamarripa and Zepnick	Status: Referred to Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs
AB118	Support	Exceptions to the prohibition against firearms in school zones. Introduced by Representatives Pridemore, Thiesfeldt, T. Larson, Brooks and Knodl	Status: Committee on Judiciary
AB178	Support	Protection and operation of certain existing sport shooting ranges. Introduced by Representatives Krug, Kleefisch, Tranel, Petryk, Marklein, Spiros, Tittl, Doyle, Ballweg and Loudenberg; cosponsored by Senators Kedzie, Lassa, Grothman and L. Taylor	Status: Referred to Committee on Rules
AB221	Oppose	Prohibition on certain bullets and providing a penalty. Introduced by Representatives Kessler and Sinicki; cosponsored by Senator Risser	Status: Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice

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Bill	Position	Description	Status
AB222	Oppose	Ban on assault weapons and large-capacity magazines. Introduced by Representatives Kessler, Barnes, Johnson, Sinicki and C. Taylor; cosponsored by Senator Risser.	Status: Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice
AB368	Support	Purchases or transfers of rifles or shotguns in other states. Introduced by Representatives Spiros, Born, Brooks, Craig, Jagler, Kleefisch, Knudson, T. Larson, Murphy, Nass, A. Ott, Pridemore, Sanfelippo, Thiesfeldt, Tittl and Petryk; cosponsored by Senators Tiffany, Farrow, Grothman, Lazich, Moulton and Schultz	Status: Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage
SB102	Oppose	Prohibition against carrying firearms in the capitol. Introduced by Senators Risser, Lehman and T. Cullen; cosponsored by Representatives Sargent, Pasch, Barnes, Ohnstad, Hebl, Berceau, Sinicki and Pope	Status: Referred to Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs
SB162	Support	Protection and operation of certain existing sport shooting ranges. Introduced by Senators Kedzie, Lassa, Grothman and L. Taylor; cosponsored by Representatives Krug, Kleefisch, Tranel, Petryk, Marklein, Spiros, Tittl, Doyle, Ballweg and Loudenberg	Passed Wisconsin Act 35
SB285	Support	Purchases or transfers of rifles or shotguns in other states. Introduced by Senators Tiffany, Farrow, Grothman, Lazich, Moulton and Schultz; cosponsored by Representatives Spiros, Born, Brooks, Craig, Jagler, Kleefisch, Knudson, T. Larson, Murphy, Nass, A. Ott, Pridemore, Sanfelippo, Thiesfeldt, Tittl and Petryk	Status: Referred to Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs



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