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Wisconsin Gun Owners, Inc. (WGO) Blasts State GOP Leaders for Gun Rights Failures

Madison, Wis. — Wisconsin Gun Owners, Inc. (WGO) — Wisconsin's only no-compromise gun rights organization — has chastised Republicans for blocking an override vote of Governor Tony Evers' veto of Second Amendment Sanctuary (AB293), as well as stonewalling the pro-gun group's efforts to introduce a Wisconsin Self-Defense and Firearm Freedom Act (WSDFF).

WGO claims that Rep. Vos and Sen. Kapenga had the chance to override the Governor's veto but chose instead to go on hiatus, leaving gun owners and Wisconsin citizens in the lurch. The state gun rights organization believes this bears all the hallmarks of establishment Republicans thwarting any real change while blaming Evers and the Democrats for GOP lawmakers' inability to get pro-2A legislation passed.

"WGO's pressure campaign has led to two Assembly Democrats dissenting from party orthodoxy," said Thomas Leager, executive director of WGO. "It appears Senate Democrats did not want to go on the record voting for or against 2A Sanctuary, as they requested a non-recorded voice vote. So, the opportunity to flip Democrat votes is there, but the Republicans are refusing to take it — they're literally snatching defeat from the jaws of victory."

At the beginning of the 2021-22 legislative session, WGO and some GOP Assembly members began working on Second Amendment Sanctuary legislation and the WSDFF Act, which would have provided much-needed relief to concerned gun owners in the Badger State.

"We believe we had the votes to override the Governor's veto of AB293," Leager said. "After Evers' predictable veto, the Republican leadership refused to do everything in their power to pass 2A sanctuary. Gun owners should be very disappointed in Wisconsin's republican leadership when it comes to their gun rights."

About WGO

Founded in 2003, Wisconsin Gun Owners, Inc. (WGO) works tirelessly to restore gun rights in the Badger State using a grassroots activism model that forces lawmakers of either party to go on the record and answer to gun owners. The group opposes all gun control, even "reasonable restrictions" often supported by republicans. WGO is a 501(c)4 advocacy organization and registered charitable non-profit in the State of Wisconsin. Learn more at wisconsingunowners.org.