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### **WGO Says Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) is Trojan Horse Gun Ban**

Madison, Wis. — Wisconsin Gun Owners, Inc. (WGO)— Wisconsin’s only no-compromise gun rights organization — opposes the phrasing of H.R. 1620 VAWA reauthorization in the strongest possible terms, as it poses an existential threat to legal gun ownership in America.

Recently, Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-California) and Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Illinois) gleefully announced that they have combined efforts with Sen. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) and Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and can now push forward with the 2021 Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act (VAWA).

WGO has opposed similar Wisconsin-specific misdemeanor domestic violence bills and says VAWA surpasses anything the state gun rights organization has seen in recent years.

“The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021 is like Lautenberg on steroids, even surpassing bill AB321/SB314 in its danger to gun owners,” said WGO executive director Thomas Leager. “It seeks to fund a private army of bureaucrats to confiscate arms. It creates de facto red-flag gun confiscation laws that infringe due process. And it gives arresting officers the arbitrary power to decide what constitutes misdemeanor domestic abuse.”

WGO noted that being charged with misdemeanor domestic violence under this bill is as easy as having the cops called for a boisterous argument with your roommate or expressing unpopular opinions that your partner or family find threatening, intimidating or harassing.

“In a time in our country when family members call the FBI on their own parents and relatives for the simple act of attending a protest, VAWA must be seen as a dangerous proposition which bad actors can weaponize to abuse those who disagree with the mainstream.”

#### 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. WGO is a 501(c)4 advocacy organization and registered charitable non-profit in the State of Wisconsin. Learn more at [wisconsingunowners.org](http://wisconsingunowners.org).