



Milwaukee County

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SUPERVISOR BIDDLE STATEMENT ON CONCEALED CARRY

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Eyon Biddle, Sr., released the following statement regarding concealed carry legislation approved by the Wisconsin State Senate:

“In a much expected move yesterday, the Senate passed a measure allowing people to carry concealed weapons. It is not good for the citizens of this great State. Although the final version was marginally better than the original proposed legislation, it still very disappointing that concealed weapons will now be allowed onboard our transit buses, inside the main terminal of General Mitchell International Airport, in our parks, at the Milwaukee County Zoo, and in museums. This is highly troubling. I am also disappointed that the bill did not address straw purchases.

“With the legislation, people who have a permit can carry a gun in city and state parks, taverns, child care centers, hospitals and churches. Also, police will not be able to routinely check their database to know if someone has a gun when pulling them over. This could create potential problems because the legislation allows people to carry loaded, uncased guns in their cars. Guns are currently only allowed in vehicles if they are not loaded.

“Allowing concealed weapons would be problematic for Milwaukee County. We’ve had a number of violent deaths in the past month alone. This would only be exacerbated by an irresponsible gun policy like this. People’s lives are at stake here and some lawmakers chose to score political points.

“How many jobs does this bill create? This bill makes it easier to carry guns at a time when our unemployment rate is more than 7 percent. Governor Walker and members of the Legislature campaigned on job creation to earn votes, but it certainly isn’t how they are choosing to govern,” said Supervisor Biddle. “Jobs, jobs, jobs are what we need. We do not need legislation such as this.”

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