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*Testimony before the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety  
State Senator André Jacque  
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Chair Wanggaard and Colleagues,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today in support of Senate Bill 484, relating to possession of a firearm in a vehicle on school grounds by a person with a license to carry a concealed weapon.

SB 484 is a simple, straight forward bill. It is an idea that was brought to my attention at the request of a law enforcement officer in my district and has had an maintained bi-partisan support in many other states. The proposal ensures that parents who hold a concealed carry permit don't accidentally violate the law when picking up or dropping off their child in their school parking lot.

Under current Wisconsin law, a person is generally prohibited from possessing a firearm on the grounds of a school. Several states, including our Midwest neighbors Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio, have already enacted legislation allowing parents with concealed carry licenses to be able to transport their children to and from school.

Thank you for your consideration of SB 484.



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## Hearing Testimony

**Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety**

**Thursday, January 13, 2021**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Wisconsin State Capitol, Room 411 South**

Chairman Wanggaard and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, thank you for affording me with the opportunity to testify in favor of Senate Bill 484, relating to the possession of a firearm in a vehicle on school grounds by an individual with a license to carry a concealed weapon.

Senate Bill 484, quite simply, ensures that individuals who possess a concealed carry permit do not accidentally violate state law when picking up or dropping off a child in their school parking lot.

Under current law, individuals are generally prohibited from possessing a firearm on the grounds of a school. Several states, including our Midwest neighbors, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio, have already enacted legislation allowing parents with concealed carry licenses to transport their children to and from school.

Unlike 2015 Assembly Bill 846, which I authored with then-Senator Mary Lazich, this legislation is limited to a school's parking lot. 2015 Assembly Bill 846 would have allowed individuals to carry a concealed weapon on school grounds or school-owned property. Under that proposal, school districts still had the right to prohibit concealed carry within the confines of a building.

Wisconsinites should not receive a felony conviction for simply exercising a right enshrined in the United States Constitution. This common-sense legislation allows individuals to exercise their Second Amendment rights while simultaneously protect themselves and others. The right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed must be respected and taken seriously.

I am happy to answer any questions you might have.

Thank you to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety for giving Wisconsin Gun Owners this time to speak in support of SB 484, which would allow those who are appropriately licensed or approved to concealed carry in the state of Wisconsin to have their firearm in their vehicle while on school grounds.

CCW permit holders make up the most law-abiding demographic in America, according to a Crime Prevention Research Center survey circa 2016.

Recognizing the inherent right of teachers and parents to be armed, in their vehicles, on school grounds makes common sense, as Americans are increasingly embracing their Second Amendment rights. More and more people are getting concealed carry licenses and training with firearms.

There are naturally more armed parents and teachers with this uptick in gun ownership and concealed carrying. These folks could even be the deciding factor in whether a mass shooter targets a particular school or not. A criminal, knowing that they could meet armed resistance, even if it is only in the parking lot, that thought could be enough of a deterrent to change their minds as to whether they will attack a certain location at all.

Years and years of gun control have proven that more restrictions on carrying a firearm do not yield more safety. But, the statistics bear out that states with Constitutional Carry (which is permitless) have a measurable drop in crime. Such as in West Virginia, where the number of violent crimes has been steadily decreasing since the adoption of Constitutional or Vermont-style carry.

If loosening gun restrictions consistently results in decreased crime and increased gun control consistently results in increased crime, then the answer to this problem has presented itself. We have our answer on which is the best course of action to secure the peace and safety of our state and its people, and that is freedom—trusting that free individuals will do the right thing. Therefore WGO overwhelmingly supports SB 484.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas C. Leager". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Thomas Leager  
Executive Director