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### Democratic Lawmakers Talk About Call for Special Session on Gun Law Reforms

**Tallahassee**, **FL** – Despite nearly every House and Senate Democrat voting 'yes' for a special session to address important common-sense gun reforms, there has been no support from their Republican colleagues.

**Representative Joseph Geller (D-Aventura)** requested the special session to consider three ideas:

- 1. Regulating high capacity rifle magazines
- 2. Universal criminal background checks on all firearms sales
- 3. Expanding Florida's Red Flag Law

All three ideas are known to have public support, and are flexible enough to allow the Legislature to craft collaborative bi-partisan legislation for each.

It's important to note that none of these proposals will take any gun from a legal gun owner, or prevent any future gun purchases. These ideas carefully balance our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights with the need for public safety.

A Special Session can be called by the Governor, the 2 presiding officers, or by a 60% vote of both chambers of the legislature. As of end of day Wednesday, over 90% of Democrats had voted (all 'yes' votes), compared to less than 10% of Republicans (all 'no' votes). Total: Yes-52 & No-10. Per Secretary of State Cord Byrd, polling will end on Friday at 3 pm.

Elected Democratic lawmakers will hold a virtual press conference to highlight the need for these laws, and express disappointment in the lack of collaboration with Republican colleagues to solve this horrific gun violence problem.

House Democratic Caucus Leader Evan Jenne (D-Hollywood), Representative Joseph Geller (D-Aventura), Senator Lori Berman (D-Boynton Beach), Representative Michele Rayner (D-St. Petersburg), Representative Dan Daley (D-Coral Springs), and possibly others.

## Join Zoom Meeting:

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