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WCCF Laments Concealed Weapon Veto Override

The Wisconsin Council on Children and Families today expressed disappointment at the Senate's vote to override Governor Doyle's veto of SB214, which allows most adults to carry concealed weapons in public in Wisconsin.

"It's disheartening to see the strident demands of the gun lobby prioritized over the wishes of Wisconsin residents and, more importantly, over the safety of Wisconsin's children," said WCCF Executive Director Charity Eleson. Eleson noted that poll after poll has shown strong public opposition to the bill.

"Carrying a loaded gun around may make some people feel safer, but that safety is an illusion," Eleson said. "Wisconsin is already one of the safest places to live in the nation, in part thanks to our longstanding concealed weapon ban."

Eleson lauded those members of the Senate who voted to sustain the veto.

"Their courage in the face of intense pressure from the NRA is inspiring," Eleson said. "We admire their willingness to take a stand in a tough political climate."

The action now moves to the Assembly, where, as in the Senate, a two-thirds vote is required to override the veto.

"We call on Assembly members to help ensure the safety of Wisconsin's children by keeping hidden guns out of our public places," Eleson said.

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