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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:

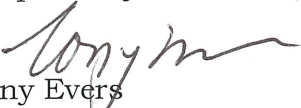
I am vetoing Senate Bill 570 in its entirety.

This bill would, with certain exceptions, limit the civil liability of firearm, firearm accessory, and ammunition manufacturers, distributors, importers, trade associations, sellers and dealers.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to creating more immunities for the gun industry. Under the federal Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, Pub. L. 109-92, the gun industry already enjoys the benefit of broad immunity that virtually no other industry receives in federal and state courts. This bill would double down on those privileges and create an unprecedented, punitive fee-shifting mechanism in Wisconsin. I believe the presumption should be an open courthouse door to anyone seeking justice and an honest debate of the law of the land. Any immunity or deviation from that presumption should be tailored and finite. Creating more far-reaching immunities to protect the gun industry is unnecessary and the wrong approach.

As I have previously said, Wisconsinites desperately want their elected leaders to act on gun safety and support having a meaningful, thoughtful dialogue about common-sense solutions that will both respect and uphold rights while keeping our communities safe. These goals are not mutually exclusive, and I continue to welcome constructive conversations to that end.

Respectfully submitted,


Tony Evers
Governor