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Raleigh, NC – Today Senator Natasha Marcus (SD-41) filed Senate Bill 210, the Gun Violence Prevention Act, a comprehensive omnibus bill to promote gun safety and curb gun violence. Senator Marcus filed this legislation with Senator Natalie Murdock (SD-20) and Senator Michael Garrett (SD-27), with Representative Pricey Harrison (HD-61) filing a companion bill in the House.

This is the first bill Senator Marcus has filed this biennium, highlighting her commitment to public safety. Senate Bill 210 highlights include:

- Require a permit for the purchase of an assault weapon or long gun
- Ban on bump stocks and trigger cranks
- Require safe storage of firearms in homes and vehicles
- Allow law enforcement to destroy of seized firearms
- Prohibit sale and possession of ghost guns
- Prohibit possession of semiautomatic firearms for those under 21
- Require firearm liability insurance
- Require reporting of lost or stolen firearms

Senator Marcus is also a primary sponsor of Senate Bill 215, Allow Extreme Risk Protection Orders to Prevent Suicides and Save Lives, which was also filed today.

Senator Marcus hosted a press conference at the NCGA building today to explain the bills and seek support among fellow legislators. She was joined by fellow lawmakers, law enforcement officials, people who have lost loved ones to gun violence, a high school student who has experienced the trauma of code red drills, and several gun safety advocates.

Senator Marcus noted that the omnibus bill includes a menu of commonsense ideas to reduce gun violence and encouraged her Republican colleagues to see which ideas they can support. She said, "Over 90 percent of North Carolinians including gun owners, think we should have universal background checks on all gun sales. SB210 has that. Let's do that. Or maybe you are interested in stopping people from turning firearms into military style weapons that outgun the police with rapid fire, large capacity ammunition? Our bill has that too. Let's do that. Or do you want to keep firearms away from children, so they don't take a gun to school or accidentally shoot their playmates? Our bill has strong safe storage provisions. Let's do that."

Senator Marcus said about SB210 "We've done the work to offer ideas that would help keep North Carolinians safe, ideas that are popular with most North Carolinians. I hope we can enact some of our commonsense ideas this year."

The bills can be found at [this link](#).

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