



December 14, 2022

Dear Senator _____,

December 14, 2022 is the 10-year mark of the Sandy Hook tragedy when a gunman used an AR-15 with high capacity magazines to brutally murder 20 children and six educators in an elementary school. Since that horrific day, over one million Americans have been shot and [over 400,000 Americans have been killed](#) by guns in towns and cities across our nation; there have been more than [4200 mass shooting incidents](#); and the number of annual gun deaths has increased to 45,000 in 2020.

After the horrific shootings in Buffalo, Uvalde, and Highland Park, the 117th Congress passed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) and President Joe Biden immediately signed the bill into law. This legislation was the first federal gun violence prevention bill that was signed into law since the Brady Background Check bill and the Assault Weapons Ban legislation were passed in 1994.

In addition, the 117th House of Representatives passed a historic set of comprehensive gun laws. These lifesaving bills are currently sitting on Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer's desk.

- ✓ HR8-Bipartisan Background Checks Act
- ✓ HR1446-Enhanced Background Checks Act
- ✓ HR 7910-Protecting Our Kids Act
- ✓ HR 1808-Assault Weapons Ban of 2022
- ✓ HR 4118-Break the Cycle of Violence Act
- ✓ Funding for Gun Violence Research

Gun violence is a public health emergency! A set of strong comprehensive gun violence prevention laws are needed to protect all Americans in our nation. We implore the Senate to not wait until 60 filibuster-proof votes are secured to vote on lifesaving bills that were passed in the House of Representatives. Introducing legislation is simply not enough. We need the Senate gun safety champions to be persistent in their efforts to pass lifesaving gun laws and demonstrate to the American people that they are doing all they can to end the gun violence crisis in our nation.

In April of 2019, a coalition of gun violence prevention survivors, advocates, and researchers from across the nation gathered at the GVPedia Conference in Denver, Colorado to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Columbine shooting, and to forge a path forward to a safer America. From this assembly [the Denver Accord](#) was born, a declaration of guiding principles and policies to end the scourge of gun violence in America.

THE TIME IS NOW for the Senate to act boldly to protect our children and loved ones. Therefore, a coalition of 120 gun violence prevention organizations and allies representing over 18 million Americans implore you to immediately pass the bills passed in the House of Representatives and work towards passing policy proposals recommended in GVPedia's Denver Accord to steadily reduce gun homicides, gun suicides, unintentional shootings, mass shootings, police violence, and gun injuries in America.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Newtown Action Alliance

AAPI Victory Alliance

Action Together Florida

Advocates For Change

Alliance for Gun Responsibility

American Federation of Teachers

American Medical Women's Association

Amnesty International USA

Andy's Fight PAC

Arizonans For Gun Safety

Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)

Baltimore Washington Conference, The United Methodist Church

Ban Assault Weapons NOW!

Battered Women's Justice Project

Blessed Ministries & Survivor Smiles

BPFNA~Bautistas por la Paz

Brady

Ceasefire Oregon

CeaseFirePA

Center for Asian Americans in Action

Center for Common Ground

Change The Ref

Chi-Town GVP Summit

Chicago Survivors

Citizens for a Safer Pima County

Colorado Ceasefire Legislative Action

Concerned Citizens Against Gun Violence

CT Against Gun Violence

Dayton Women's Rights Alliance

Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence

Episcopal Peace Fellowship

Equality California

Faith Community of St. Sabina

Falmouth Gun Safety Coalition

Gays Against Guns

Georgia Alliance for Social Justice

Global Exchange

Grandmothers Against Gun Violence - MA

grandmothers against gun violence WA

Grandparents for Gun Safety

Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart

Gun Violence Prevention PAC

Guns Down America

Hawaii Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence
HB Huddle
Healing 4 Our Families & Our Nation
Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence
Honor with Action Coalition
#HonorWithAction Illinois
Illinois Alliance to Prevent Gun Violence
Imani Dream Angel
IMPACT - Illinois Medical Professionals Action Collaborative Team
Indivisible Illinois
Indivisible Northern Nevada
Indivisible South Bay LA
International Health & Epidemiology Research Center
JACPAC
Japanese American Citizens League
Jewish Women International
Journey4ward
Jr Newtown Action Alliance
Koop Institute
Maine Council of Churches
Maine Gun Safety Coalition
Maine Veterans for Peace
March for Our Lives
Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence
MomsRising
Monmouth Center for World Religions and Ethical Thought
Mothers Against Community Gun Violence (MACGV)
National Alliance for the Empowerment of the Formerly Incarcerated (NAEFI)
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Jewish Women Chicago North Shore Section
National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF)
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
NeverAgainCA
#NoRA
North Carolinians Against Gun Violence
Not My Generation
OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates
Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence
Orange Ribbons For Jaime
Oregonizers
People for a Safer Society
Prevent Gun Violence Florida
Progressive Democrats Of America
Protect Minnesota
Psychiatrists for Gun Violence Prevention
Remembering Darien Foundation
RI Coalition Against Gun Violence
Richard Skipper Celebrates
SAFE Illinois - Safe Access For Everyone
Safer CA
Safer Country
San Diegans for Gun Violence Prevention

Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team
Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia
South Asian Bar Association of North America
South Asian Network
St. John's Episcopal Church, Chevy Chase
States United to Prevent Gun Violence
Stop Handgun Violence
Survivors Empowered
Survivors Lead
Teachers Unify to End Gun Violence
The Campaign to Keep Guns Off Campus
The Encouragement Group
The Encouragement Group @ The Church in Ocean park
The Ethan Miller Song Foundation
The Healing Connection - My Voice. My Terms.
The Kedrick Ali Morrow Jr. Foundation
The Ohio Council of Churches
The United Methodist Church -- General Board of Church and Society
Union for Reform Judaism
Upper East Side for Change (UESFC)
Violent Crime Survivors
Vision Quilt: Together We Can Prevent Gun Violence
WAVE Educational Fund
Women Against Gun Violence
Zioness