December 14, 2024

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Dear{{Title}} {{Last Name}},

December 14, 2024 is the 12-year mark of the Sandy Hook tragedy when a gunman used an AR-15 and high capacity magazines to brutally murder 26 children and educators in an elementary school. Since that horrific day, over 1.2 million Americans have been shot and over 463,763 Americans have been killed by guns in towns and cities across our nation; there have been more than 5368 mass shooting incidents; and the number of annual gun deaths has increased to 48,830 in 2021.

After the horrific shootings in Buffalo and Uvalde, 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. BSCA was an important step in the right direction but it is not enough to end the gun violence crisis in our nation therefore we are urging you to support the following lifesaving bills.

✅ S.25 and H.R.698— Assault Weapons Ban of 2023 (Feinstein/McBath)

✅ S.173 and H.R.660 — Ethan's Law (Blumenthal/DeLauro)

✅ S.2048 and H.R.4184 — Equal Access to Justice for Victims of Gun Violence Act (Blumenthal/Schiff)

✅ S.494 — Background Check Expansion Act (Murphy), H.R.715 — Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2023 (Fitzpatrick), and H.R.2403 — Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2023 (Clyburn)

✅ S.2638 and H.R.5003 — Break the Cycle of Violence Act (Booker/Horsford)

✅ S.1026 and H.R.2390 — Gun Violence Prevention Research Act of 2023 (Markey/Slotkin)

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 House to pass these lifesaving bills and the Senate to not wait for 60 filibuster-proof votes to take action. Introducing legislation is simply not enough. We need congressional 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 Congress to act boldly to protect our children and loved ones. Therefore, a coalition of 205 gun violence prevention organizations and allies - representing over 12 million Americans, implore you to immediately pass these priority bills and work towards passing other 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,

5/14 Survivor
AAPI New Jersey
Adorers of the Blood of Christ US Region JPIC Office
Adrian Dominican Sisters
Advocates For Change
AFT (American Federation of Teachers), Colorado
AFT: Education, Healthcare, Public Services
Alliance for a Safe Oregon Action
Alliance for Gun Responsibility
American Humanist Association
American Medical Women's Association
Amnesty International USA
Arizonans For Gun Safety
Asian American Psychological Association
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)
Avondale ACTion, An Indivisible Group
Baltimore-Washington Conference UMC Advocacy and Action Network
Ban Assault Weapons NOW!
Blessed Ministries & Survivor Smiles
Brady Florida
Brady Stanislaus County California
Bulletproof Pride
Bulls Head-Oswego Monthly Meeting (Quaker Meeting)
CASA, Inc.
Ceasefire Oregon Action Fund
Change the Ref
Charles W. Reid Community Help Center
Chicago Survivors
Coalition for a Safer Delaware
Colorado Ceasefire
Concerned Citizens Against Gun Violence (CCAGV)
Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes
Connecticut Against Gun Violence
Connecticut Violence Intervention and Prevention
CT-RI FAN Justice Circle
Culver 878
Darrell Lee Jenkins Jr Resource Center Inc

Daughters of the Holy Spirit
DemCast USA
Dems Abroad
Doctors for America
Dominican Sisters of Peace
Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa
Dominican Sisters of Sparkill
Ebony's Hope
Empowering Pacific Islander Communities
End Community Violence Now
Enough of Gun Violence
Episcopal Churches in the Big Bend
Episcopal Peace Fellowship
Equality California
Everything4Walter
Faces Not Forgotten
Faith Leaders for Ending Gun Violence
Fourth Branch Action
Francescos Foundation Incorporated
Franciscan Action Network
Franciscan Justice Circle Mid-Hudson Valley, NY
Franciscan Peace Center, Clinton, Iowa
Freedom Writers Collaborative
G-PAC ILLINOIS
Gays Against Guns
Georgia Majority for Gun Safety
GIFFORDS
Global Exchange
Grandmothers Against Gun Violence MA
Grandmothers for Gun Responsibility
Grassroots for Gun Violence Prevention
Gun Violence Prevention Center of Utah
GunControlToday
Guns Down America
GunSense Vermont
GVPedia
Healthcare Professionals Against Gun Violence
Hispanic Federation
Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters, USA-JPIC
Illinois Alliance to Prevent Gun Violence
Indivisible Auburn
Indivisible Lumpkin
Indivisible Marching Buddies of Atlanta
Indivisible Marin
Indivisible Northern Nevada
INTERNATIONAL HEALTH & EPIDEMIOLOGY RESEARCH CENTER
Janice M Vanderhaar Pax Christi Memphis
Japanese American Citizens League
Jared's Heart of Success Inc
Jewish Democratic Women's Salon, Atlanta (JDWS)
Jewish Women International
Joint Action Committee
Journey4ward

Jr Newtown Action Alliance
Justice Committee of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
Justice4Ellis
Kids ARE the future after school program
L.I.F.E.
Leadership Council of the Sisters of the Precious Blood
Leadership Team of the Felician Sisters of North America
Leadership Team of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood.
The Leadership Team of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities
Lives Robbed
Loretto Community
Maine Gun Safety Coalition
Maine Veterans For Peace
March for Our Lives
Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence
Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence
McKinney UMC
Medical Mission Sisters, Justice Office
MomsRising
Monmouth Center for World Religions and Ethical Thought
Mothers United Against Violence
National Asian American Pacific Islander Mental Health Association
National Asian Pacific American Families Allied for Substance Awareness and Harm Reduction (NAPAFASA)
National Council of Asian Pacific Americans
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Jewish Women, Essex County NJ
National Council of Jewish Women, Maryland SPA
National Education Association
Necessary Troublers
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Newtown Action Alliance
No Future Without Today
No Weapon #OneLIfe Empowerment Foundation
North American Climate, Conservation and Environment(NACCE)
Nuns Against Gun Violence
NWSOFA Gun Violence Prevention
Ohio Council of Churches
OnCall4Kids
One Aim Illinois
Orange Ribbons For Gun Safety
Pax Christi Hudson Valley, NY
Pax Christi Little Rock
Pax Christi Maine
Pax Christi Metro DC-Baltimore
Pax Christi Rhode Island
Pax Christi San Diego
Pax Christi Southern California
Pax Christi USA
Peace Love and Em Inc
Poughkeepsien Friends Meeting (Quaker Meeting)
PROGRESS Initiative
Protect Minnesota
Protect My Care

Psychiatrists for Gun Violence Prevention (P4GVP)
Purpose Over Pain
Rebuild, Overcome, and Rise (ROAR) Center at the Univ of MD, Baltimore
Remembering Darien Victims Foundation
Rise AAPI
Rocky Mountain Hye Advocates
Sacred Ground Ministries
Safer Communities For Justice
Safer Country
Saint Mark's Episcopal Church Capitol Hill DC
San Diegans for Gun Violence Prevention
Saving Our Kids From Streets
Scarsdale Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Silicon Valley Alliance for Gun Safety
Silver State Equality
Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Western Province Leadership
Sisters of Charity of New York
Sisters of Divine Providence
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team
Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur (E-W Unit)
Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia
Sisters of St. Francis in Clinton, Iowa
Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia
Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston
Sisters of St. Joseph of Springfield
Sisters of St. Joseph, Justice & Peace Office, Concordia, Kansas
Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament
Sisters of the Humility of Mary
St Camillus Center for Spiritual Care
St. Susanna Pax Christi, Dedham, MA
States United to Prevent Gun Violence
Stop Handgun Violence
Stop US Arms to Mexico
Surviving The Pain 2gether, Inc.
Survivors Empowered
Survivors Lead
Teachers Unify to End Gun Violence
Tender Youth
Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Texas Gun Sense
The Alliance for Gun Responsibility
The Bakari Foundation
The Campaign to Keep Guns Off Campus
The ENOUGH Campaign
The Ethan Miller Song Foundation
The Sikh Coalition
The Terrell Bosley Anti-Violence Association
The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
The Workers Circle
Trauma 2 Triumph
Union for Reform Judaism

United Playaz
UnitedOnGuns
Ursulines of Brown County Ohio
US Federation Sisters of Saint Joseph
Venice Resistance
Vision Quilt
WAVE Educational Fund
Wheaton Franciscan Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Office
World Without Hate