

Gun Violence

Proven policies to curb the epidemic of firearm deaths



Three Laws Can Save Countless Lives

Universal background checks, permits to purchase, and prohibitions on domestic abusers will reduce the risk of harm

The 2nd Amendment and Supreme Court affirm the right to own firearms. However, like all rights, government has the power to define its scope through laws and regulations. The right to vote requires registration and can be voided in some circumstances; the right to bear arms is no exception.

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BACKGROUND CHECK

Every gun purchase should require a background check

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PERMITS

Every gun buyer should be pre-screened and licensed to own

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

No one guilty of interpersonal violence should own firearms



S. 2009

A bill to require background checks for all purchases



H.R. 3207 & S. 1539

Protects victims of stalking & intimate partner violence



Permits to Purchase

A Connecticut law lowered firearm homicides by 40%

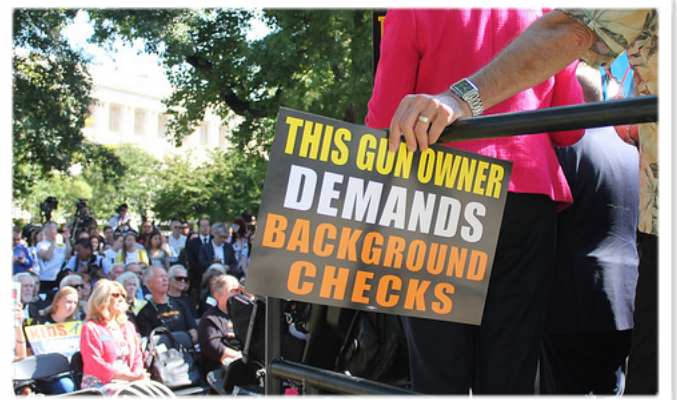
Enough is Enough

Over 35,000 Americans die every year from firearms, a product that - if used as designed - will inevitably kill.

Firearms have eclipsed motor vehicle collisions as a cause of death in America. While we have driven down the number of motor vehicle deaths since the 1950s, firearm death rates have been steady for more than a decade.

Although mass shootings garner the public's attention, they are less common than the steady trickle of homicides and suicides which occur daily, taking the lives of 96 Americans every day. Although suicides outnumber homicides two to one, science shows there are ways to reduce all forms of guns deaths.

Right now, the background check system contains loopholes for individuals buying from gun shows and person-to-person sales. Fixing these loopholes and providing for universal background checks on the purchase of every firearm could save nearly 19,000 lives. Senator Chris Murphy's bill, S. 2009, could do just that.



“Do something instead of sending prayers. Prayers won’t fix this.”

Guns also increase the risk of domestic violence escalating to murder by over 5 times. But laws to keep guns away from violent men have loopholes for unmarried partners and exclude stalkers. Two bills, H.R. 3207 by Representative Debbie Dingle and S. 1539 and Senator Amy Klobuchar, would close those loopholes.

Lastly, permits-to-purchase can cut firearm homicide rates by 20 - 40%. Now we just need someone to champion that policy too!

EVIDENCE BEHIND THE POLICIES

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Quote from Twitter user & Parkland High student @chaddiedabaddie

