

### **Action Against Gun Violence**

### Nov/Dec 2025 Email Template for Legislators: Support GVP Bills in the 2026 VGA Session

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Find your 2026 VA delegate and state senator + contact info
  - a. Use this link to confirm your VA senator and house of delegates district and 2026 delegate. If yours was reelected, only one tab will be an option (current), but if you have a new delegate, there will be a tab for "\*\*new in 2026", please use that name.
  - b. Use the email addresses listed on whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov
  - c. Take note if your delegate and senator have their party listed as "D" (Democrat) or "R" (Republican)
- 2. Choose from the following email templates based on your individual legislators:

In a time crunch? Use the generic template for all senators & delegates:

- a. Generic Template: for democrats & republicans, senators & delegates, incumbents & newly elected
  - Have time to personalize emails? Choose from the following options:
- b. Incumbent Democrat Template: all democrat senators & returning delegates
- c. Newly Elected Democrat Delegate Template
- d. All Republicans Template: senators & delegates

Scroll down for templates!

- 3. Prep & Send 2 Emails: 1 for your delegate & 1 for your senator
  - a. Copy/paste the suggested subject line
  - b. Add CC: admin@virginiansforchange.org
  - c. Copy/paste the email text (edit red text to reflect your personal information)
- 4. If you hear back from your legislator, and you want to respond to their email and aren't sure how, feel free to email admin@virginiansforchange.org for help.

#### **Extra Credit!**

Put a reminder in your calendar to send a follow up email in 2 weeks if you haven't heard back.

# GENERIC TEMPLATE: USE FOR DEMOCRATS & GOP, DELEGATES & SENATORS, INCUMBENT & NEWLY ELECTED

Subject: Constituent Request – Support Gun Violence Prevention in VGA '26

**CC**: admin@virginiansforchange.org

Dear NAME,

I am a constituent in CITY, ZIP CODE. I'm writing today to let you know ahead of the 2026 Virginia General Assembly that gun violence prevention is one of my top concerns. (optional: write a few sentences about why this issue matters to you) I sincerely request that you support gun violence prevention legislation in the upcoming session.

As a member of the non-profit organization, <u>Virginians for Change: Action Against Gun Violence</u>, I follow this issue closely. In the 2025 VGA Session, 37 of the gun violence prevention bills supported by our organization passed through the legislature. We hope this momentum carries forward into 2026 as public safety and gun violence prevention remain top concerns for Virginians.

In 2026 we hope to see a continued focus on: safe storage incentives and accountability toward child access prevention, a dangerous weapons ban, stronger legislation that protects individuals experiencing domestic violence (married & nonmarried relationships), a Virginia center for GVP, protections against ghost guns, prohibition of guns on college campuses and in hospitals & mental health facilities, and firearm industry accountability. These, along with other gun violence reduction strategies, are data-proven to reduce gun injuries, trauma, and deaths in our communities.

Sincerely,	
YOUR NAME	
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# INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT TEMPLATE: USE FOR ALL DEMOCRAT SENATORS & RETURNING DEMOCRAT DELEGATES

Subject: Constituent Request – Support Gun Violence Prevention in VGA '26

**CC**: <u>admin@virginiansforchange.org</u>

Dear NAME,

I am a constituent in CITY, ZIP CODE. I'm writing today to let you know ahead of the 2026 Virginia General Assembly that gun violence prevention remains one of my top concerns. (optional: write a few sentences about why this issue matters to you)

Thank you for being part of the Democrat-led legislature that championed this issue in the 2025 VGA! I appreciate your prioritizing gun violence prevention, and I sincerely request that you further support GVP legislation in the upcoming session.

As a member of the non-profit organization, <u>Virginians for Change: Action Against Gun Violence</u>, I follow this issue closely. In the 2025 VGA Session, 37 of the gun violence prevention bills supported by our organization passed through the legislature. We hope this momentum carries forward into 2026 as public safety and gun violence prevention remain top concerns for Virginians.

In 2026 we hope to see a continued focus on: safe storage incentives and accountability toward child access prevention, a dangerous weapons ban, stronger legislation that protects individuals experiencing domestic violence (married & nonmarried relationships), a Virginia center for GVP, protections against ghost guns, prohibition of guns on college campuses and in hospitals & mental health facilities, and firearm industry accountability. These, along with other gun violence reduction strategies, are data-proven to reduce gun injuries, trauma, and deaths in our communities.

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YOUR NAME	
Sincerely,	

### NEWLY ELECTED DEMOCRAT DELEGATE TEMPLATE

Subject: Constituent Request – Support Gun Violence Prevention in VGA '26

**CC**: <u>admin@virginiansforchange.org</u>

Dear NAME,

Congratulations on your recent election to the Virginia House of Delegates! I am a constituent in CITY, ZIP CODE. I'm writing today to let you know ahead of the 2026 Virginia General Assembly that gun violence prevention is one of my top concerns. (optional: write a few sentences about why this issue matters to you & if it was part of why you voted for them)

I look forward to you joining the Democrat-led legislature that championed this issue in the 2025 VGA!

As a member of the non-profit organization, <u>Virginians for Change: Action Against Gun Violence</u>, I follow this issue closely. In the 2025 VGA Session, 37 of the gun violence prevention bills supported by our organization passed through the legislature. We hope this momentum carries forward into 2026 as public safety and gun violence prevention remain top concerns for Virginians.

In 2026 we hope to see a continued focus on: safe storage incentives and accountability toward child access prevention, a dangerous weapons ban, stronger legislation that protects individuals experiencing domestic violence (married & nonmarried relationships), a Virginia center for GVP, protections against ghost guns, prohibition of guns on college campuses and in hospitals & mental health facilities, and firearm industry accountability. These, along with other gun violence reduction strategies, are data-proven to reduce gun injuries, trauma, and deaths in our communities.

Sincerely, YOUR NAME \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

## REPUBLICAN TEMPLATE: USE FOR ALL GOP DELEGATES & SENATORS

→ If your senator is Glen Sturtevant, you can add the optional line to the bottom of your email: Finally, I ask that you not re-introduce SB837, as I oppose lowering the age to own a concealed handgun permit from 21 to 18 as your bill would do.

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As a member of the non-profit organization, <u>Virginians for Change: Action Against Gun Violence</u>, I follow this issue closely. In the 2025 VGA Session, 37 of the gun violence prevention bills supported by our organization passed through the legislature. We hope this momentum carries forward into 2026 as public safety and gun violence prevention remain top concerns for Virginians.

In 2026 we hope to see a continued focus on: safe storage incentives and accountability toward child access prevention, a dangerous weapons ban, stronger legislation that protects individuals experiencing domestic violence (married & nonmarried relationships), a Virginia center for GVP, protections against ghost guns, prohibition of guns on college campuses and in hospitals & mental health facilities, and firearm industry accountability. These, along with other gun violence reduction strategies, are data-proven to reduce gun injuries, trauma, and deaths in our communities. Furthermore, in the 2025 VGA Session, several bills related to GVP received bipartisan support, including Closing the Boyfriend Loophole, Lethal Means Awarenss, an Assault Weapons Ban, No Guns on Campus, Prohibiting Weapons in Hospitals & Mental Health Facilities, and a bill to create a VA Center for Firearm Violence Intervention & Prevention.

We know that Virginians across all political affiliations, gun owners and non-gun owners alike, desire change in our tragic reality where guns are the number one cause of death for

ages 1-19 in this country, and the terror of gun violence haunts all areas of public and private life. I hope you can prioritize safety and violence prevention and support GVP bills in the coming VGA session.

Sincerely, YOUR NAME