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2021 - LB236 "Safe Storage in Cars" Signed by the Governor

Lincoln, NE -- The priority policy of Nebraskans Against Gun Violence, "Safe Storage in Vehicles", has been signed into law. Going forward, Nebraskans will be required to keep guns unloaded and locked up while in vehicles. We've been advocating for this policy as well as a safe storage in homes policy since 2018. Guns getting stolen from vehicles is a well documented problem across the state, especially in the most densely populated parts of the state. We partnered with the city of Lincoln who studied the issue in 2019, in the Safe Storage task force, chaired by Captain Jason Stille of Lincoln Police Department. You can find a copy of the final report at:

<https://nebraskansagainstgunviolence.com/policy>

We thank Senator Tom Brewer, District 43, for recognizing the importance of safe storage as one of the many ways we can keep the public safe from reckless behavior. As a highly decorated military veteran, he knows more than anyone that guns are dangerous.

We encourage Senator Brewer, and the rest of the legislature, to tackle suicide prevention next year and build on this common sense policy. Most gun deaths in Nebraska are firearm suicides and tragically, many of them are veterans.

- **Safe storage** means nobody but the gun owner has access to the guns, including kids, teens, and rule breakers.
- **Encourage buddies through training** to hold guns for each other when one of them is going through a rough patch.
- **Craft policy that gives families protection** when one member isn't safe with their guns anymore

Gun violence is a public health crisis and we support serious funding of research, proven community programming, using a combination of education, policy, and accountability to reduce gun violence across the United States, including Nebraska.

Together, we can end gun violence.

Nebraskans Against Gun Violence is a 501c3 grassroots organization committed to eliminating gun violence in our communities. Learn more about the organization at www.nagv.org or follow us on social media. The Nebraska Firearm report is a comprehensive state focused data

report that uses data gathered from Nebraska Vital Statistics, Nebraska DHHS, Nebraska Crime Commission, CDC, ATF, TSA, Gun Violence Archive, Violence Policy Center, and NICS. The report can be downloaded at www.nagv.org.