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2021 - Loaded Guns are Dangerous

Lincoln, NE -- Nebraskans Against Gun Violence supports education and gun safety and opposes LB773. 8 hours of training and a background check is not too much to ask before carrying loaded guns in public. We are disappointed to see that Senator Brewer is moving away from his gun safety position from last year with the passage of his safe storage in vehicles legislation, and towards increasing danger to the public and children across the state by removing important gun safety training and education.

We encourage all Nebraskans looking to reduce firearm injury and death to lock up their guns and disarm their friends and family when domestic violence or suicide is a concern in the home. Most gun deaths in Nebraska are firearm suicides and tragically, many of them are veterans.

Elected officials at all levels of government are encouraged to enact the following using public education campaigns and policy solutions.

- **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.