

CALL TO ACTION #4: Demand Action Against Gun Violence

Support actions to prevent gun violence.

Background:

The U.S. has more guns per capita than any other nation, contributing to alarmingly high rates of gun homicides, mass shootings and suicides.

Every day in America, an average of 321 people are shot, according to Brady United, the country's oldest gun violence prevention group. Of that number, 111 die: 42 are murdered and 65 die by suicide; one is shot and killed by accident, another is shot by law enforcement and another dies of an undetermined cause. 23 minors are shot in the United States every day. Gun violence is a complex issue that takes many forms, and mass shootings make up only 1% of all gun violence in America. 60% of gun deaths are suicide and 37% are homicide, including the 1% of mass shootings.

Despite overwhelming public support for measures like universal background checks and assault weapons bans, Congress has failed to act due to powerful lobbying by the NRA. Experts recommend closing legal loopholes, funding community-based interventions, and reinstating the assault weapons ban to reduce gun violence.

It's time for Congress to pass common-sense legislation to save lives and address America's gun violence crisis.

Script:

Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm a constituent from [CITY, ZIP CODE].

I'm calling to urge Representative [NAME] to take action to reduce the epidemic of gun violence in the United States by:

- Closing the loophole that lets people buy guns at shows and through private sellers without background checks;
- Instituting universal background checks for ammunition and gun buyers (a measure supported by 80% of gun owners);
- Funding evidence-based community anti-violence programs, like Ceasefire, which have been shown to reduce shootings; and
- Reinstating a federal ban on the purchase of high-capacity magazines and military-style assault weapons (which is supported by at least 65% of Americans).

Thank you for your time and attention.

IF LEAVING A VOICEMAIL: Please leave your full street address to ensure your call is tallied.

Who do I contact?

Richard Durbin: 202-224-2152 or 217-492-4062 (Springfield office)
Tammy Duckworth: 202-224-2854 or 217-528-6124 (Springfield office)

Find your federal representative [HERE](#).

What kind of action is this?

Phone call or email

How long will this take?

5 - 10 minutes