

The United States of America is in a public health crisis. Over 30,000 people are killed by guns and over 100,000 are shot. Those who profit on the sale of firearms and accessories are unaccountable in the law to what their products are doing to the country.

We need to fund research, stop deregulation efforts, and close loopholes.

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Gun	V10	lence	ınc	ludes	:

- Murder and shootings
- Threats and intimidation
- Suicide

## **Top Federal Issues:**

- Universal Background Checks Good
- Public Health Research Good
- Concealed Carry Reciprocity Bad
- Deregulate Silencers Bad
- PLCAA Bad

## **Snapshot of Policy**

# **Background Checks and Registration**

- <u>Background checks</u> are generally required at gun stores. However, for private sales, they are generally not required.
- There is <u>no federal gun registry</u> and very few state or municipal registries.

#### **Public Health**

• The CDC is prohibited from using funding to study gun violence in America. It is estimated that gun violence costs <u>\$8.6 billion</u> in direct expenses such as emergency and medical care.

## **Concealed Carry Reciprocity**

• Top goal of the NRA is <u>national reciprocity</u>. Currently, states set licensing requirements for handgun concealed carry licenses. State laws around the country generally only honor another state's permit when the issuing state has similar or higher standards for their license. This process ensures that many states have a licensing standard, even when the state allows residents to conceal carry without a license. Should national reciprocity be enacted, states will no longer have the ability to enact high standards on those who conceal carry handguns in their state.

### **Deregulation of Silencers**

- <u>Silencers and suppressors</u> are the same thing. Often the gun lobby uses the word suppressor as the public has a more favorable feeling about the word.
- They are currently legal and a proof that regulation works. Rarely are silencers found at crime scenes or with illegal guns. They are difficult to obtain, but legal. As the gun market is saturated, the push to deregulate is a simple way to increase the profits of those who make and sell them.

### PLCAA - Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (Gun Industry Immunity)

• Immunity for gun manufacturers and dealers in federal and state court. Gun makers and sellers have no accountability to the public while having the ability to do great harm to the public. This needs to be repealed.

Additional Research can be done at <a href="http://lawcenter.giffords.org/">http://lawcenter.giffords.org/</a> Speak with NAGV - <a href="mailto:info@nagv.org">info@nagv.org</a>