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Bipartisan Safer Communities Act - NAGV Goes to DC

Lincoln, NE -- President Joe Biden has invited Melody Vaccaro, of Nebraskans Against Gun Violence, to the signing celebration of the "Bipartisan Safer Communities Act" in Washington DC at 11am eastern, on July 11, 2022. Ms. Vaccaro will be standing with the President alongside leaders of the gun control movement from around the country. Nebraskans Against Gun Violence was founded in 2014. Since then, all attempts to pass legislation that would likely increase gun death and injury in the Nebraska Legislature, including a mandatory repeal of city firearm ordinances and removal of training and background requirements, have been successfully defeated. NAGV has helped secure these successes in partnership with policymakers, civic organizations, and - most importantly - individuals who can be counted on to consistently stand up and speak up.

Melody Vaccaro is a founding member of Nebraskans Against Gun Violence and currently serves the organization as the Board President. In 2020, she represented the state in correspondence that included the Nebraska Firearm Report, with the Biden-Harris Presidential transition. In addition to her work with Nebraskans Against Gun Violence, she's a wife, mom, works in technology, serves on several boards, including Peace and Justice in Nebraska Schools, and is a member of the Social Justice Committee at the Unitarian Church of Lincoln. She is originally from Papillion, NE., earned a Girl Scout Gold Award, UNOmaha graduate, and served in the United States Peace Corps in Bulgaria 2005-2007.

Nearly half of all homicide victims are killed with a firearm in Nebraska and more than half of all suicides are completed with a firearm.

We cannot go back in the past to prevent harm that guns have caused. However, we can do better today. We can ensure that our firearms are unloaded and locked up with ammo stored separately. We can demand that our schools educate families on the importance of keeping guns away from kids. 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.

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.