

**STATEMENT: Q2 2022**

# **NATIONAL BUSINESS LEADER STATEMENT ON GUN SAFETY**

**IN SUPPORT OF STRENGTHENING  
OUR FEDERAL BACKGROUND CHECK LAWS**



**BUSINESSFORWARD**  
FOUNDATION

## BUSINESS LEADERS TO THE SENATE:

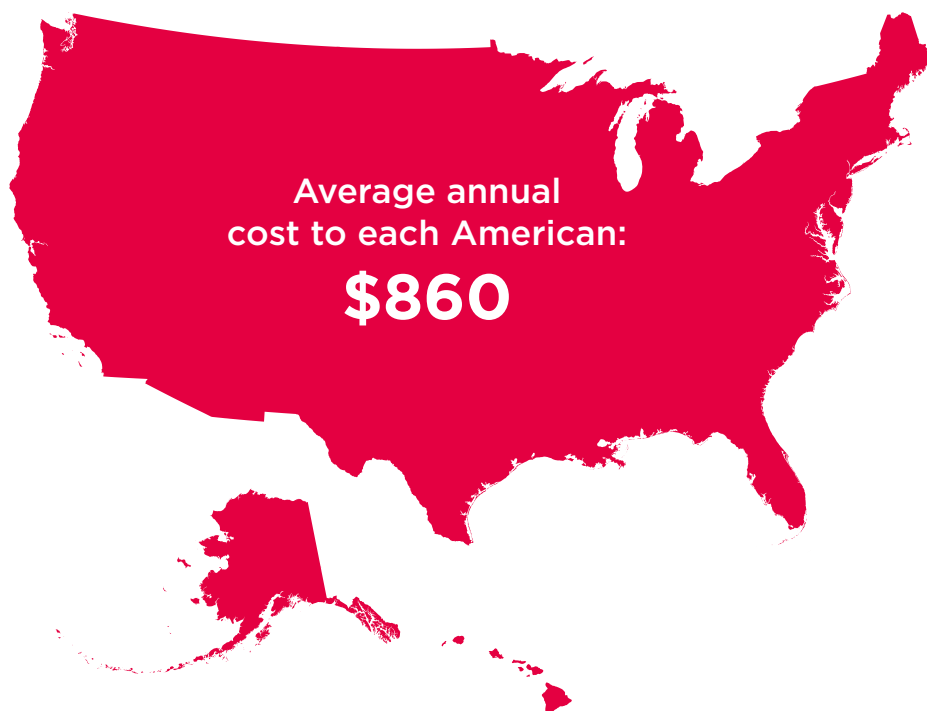
# UPDATE OUR FEDERAL BACKGROUND CHECK LAWS TO PROTECT COMMUNITIES

Business Forward helps local business leaders make the “business case” for sensible tax laws, infrastructure investment, and other pro-growth reforms. These leaders brief policymakers, work with local media, publish op-eds, submit testimony, advocate online, and organize their communities. We also promote their recommendations through issue briefs, survey reports, training manuals, and podcasts. More than 650 mayors, governors, members of Congress, and senior Administration officials have participated in our briefings.

We asked business leaders across our network to add their name to a statement in support of federal legislation that strengthens background checks for gun sales.

Business leaders from across the country responded, and their comments are featured in this statement document.

## GUN VIOLENCE COSTS AMERICANS **\$280 BILLION** ANNUALLY OF WHICH **\$12.7 BILLION** IS PAID BY TAXPAYERS



## LETTER TO THE SENATE:

We are entrepreneurs, executives, and small business owners who see first-hand the impact gun violence has on our communities, customers, employees and their families. Though we may not agree with one another on every aspect of gun safety proposals, recent shootings have convinced us of the need for the Senate to urgently pass bipartisan legislation to strengthen our background check system and save lives.

More than 110 people are shot and killed in the United States each day, on average, and more than 200 others are shot and injured. On top of that, gun violence costs American taxpayers, employers, survivors, families, and communities \$280 billion per year.

Businesses like ours lose \$1.4 million every day in productivity, revenue, and costs related to gun violence. And we know that communities that experience gun violence are less likely to attract new business, investment, customers, and talent. Mass shootings and daily gun violence take place in locations that are vital to our economy and our communities — like retail stores, grocery stores, movie theaters and nightclubs — and are becoming a tragic reality for our employees and our customers.

Background checks are a common-sense, constitutional solution that can save lives; They have blocked more than 4 million illegal gun sales to prohibited purchasers since 1994. Current federal law, however, covers only federally licensed firearms dealers. While most licensed gun dealers play by the rules, unlicensed dealers in states without background check laws operate outside the system, putting us all at greater risk. That's why more than 90 percent of Americans across the political spectrum support legislation to expand background checks, including vast majorities of Republicans and gun owners.

The time to address this deadly crisis is now. We urge the Senate to pass bipartisan background checks legislation.

**\$860**

**AVERAGE ANNUAL  
COST OF GUN  
VIOLENCE TO THE  
AVERAGE AMERICAN  
TAXPAYER**

**\$1.4**

**MILLION  
AMOUNT BUSINESSES  
LOSE EVERY DAY IN  
PRODUCTIVITY AND  
REVENUE FROM GUN  
VIOLENCE**

**93%**

**PERCENT OF  
AMERICANS WHO  
SUPPORT BACKGROUND  
CHECK LEGISLATION**

## NEARLY 900 BUSINESS LEADERS SIGNED THIS STATEMENT:

A. Norris, Santa Monica, CA  
Aaron Palmer, Los Angeles, CA  
Abdulwahid Khan, Valley Stream, NY  
Agapi Kouropoulos, San Leandro, CA  
Al Huntley, South Portland, ME  
Alan Connor, Ann Arbor, MI  
Alan Gaynor, New York, NY  
Alberta Tinsley Talabi, Cincinnati, OH  
Alberto De Gobbi, Windsor, CT  
Alcides Ruiz, Rincon, PR  
Alice Robinson, Jacksonville, FL  
Alison Lueders, Scottsdale, AZ  
Amira Mansour, Irvine, CA  
Amy Edelman, Bala Cynwyd, PA  
Amy Meyer, White Heath, IL  
Andrea Beth Damsky, La Mesa, CA  
Andrew Kovesdi, Independence, OH  
Andrew Kung, Vancouver, WA  
Andrew Mittelman, Santa Cruz, CA  
Andrew Mizsak, Bedford, OH  
Angel Scott, Miami, FL  
Angela Minton, Boulder, CO  
Angelo Madrigale, Brooklyn, NY  
Angelo Sturino, Harwood Heights, IL  
Anita Barnard, Fort Worth, TX  
Anita Lock, Oberlin, OH  
Anitra House, Bloomington, IN  
Ann Miller, Duluth, MN  
Ann Silver, Reno, NV  
Anne Brady, Prattville, AL  
Anne Tate, Bigfork, MT  
Anthony Commarata, Naples, FL  
Anthony Daniel, Lexington, NC  
Anthony Gaddy, Albany, NY  
Anthony Mauro, Philadelphia, PA  
Antoine Thompson, Upper Marlboro, MD  
Anuruddh Misra, San Francisco, CA

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We need reasonable gun regulation. Background checks is the perfect place to start.

”

- TAMMY HAIR  
PARTNER, JABEN'S STUFF, LLC  
UMATILLA, FL

“

Americans are dying every day from gun violence. It is well past time for our legislators to come together and find real solutions to this epidemic.

”

- ANDREW KOVESDI  
PRESIDENT, GARFIELD AUTO CENTER  
INDEPENDENCE, OH

“

Universal background checks is a first step to ending our gun violence crisis. More needs to be done. Our citizens deserve to feel safe while shopping, doing business, going to school.

”

- SHERRY WILLIAMS  
REALTOR, SELF-EMPLOYED  
BAY CITY, TX

“

I have two children and am a single mom and a small business owner. We need stronger background checks, stricter laws and overall gun reform.

”

- JENNIFER OLSON  
OWNER, OLSON MARKETING  
QUEEN CREEK, AZ

## SIGNATORIES

Arshad Ameen, Memphis, TN  
Arvo Pikkarainen, Pataskala, OH  
Ashley Hesse, Oshkosh, WI  
Ashley Lenartson, Portland, ME  
Audrey Mross, Dallas, TX  
Audrey Tashjian MD, Southampton, PA  
Austin Slater, Shepherdstown, WV  
Ava Johnson, Neptune, NJ  
Barbara Alexander, Salem, OR  
Barbara Burchett, Washington, DC  
Barbara Moon, Riverbank, CA  
Barbara Reising, Utica, NY  
Barbara Silberg, Houston, TX  
Barbara Stone, Lakeside, AZ  
Barry Considine, Halethorpe, MD  
Barry Feingold, Overland Park, KS  
Becca Butler Clark, Miami, FL  
Belva Presley, Danville, VA  
Ben Ruwe, Felton, CA  
Benjamin Bacon, Savannah, GA  
Bernard Markstein, Silver Spring, MD  
Betsy Hester, Atlanta, GA  
Bette Johnson, Long Beach, MS  
Betty Cotton, Purchase, NY  
Betty Sayers, Holdrege, NE  
Beverly Garvin, Plymouth, MI  
Beverly Neufeld, Mamaroneck, NY  
Beverly Reed, New Port Richey, FL  
Beverly Siess, Folsom, CA  
Billy Cardenas, Denver, CO  
Billy Scott, Detroit, MI  
Bob Cutter, Greenwood, IN  
Bobbie Flowers, New York, NY  
Bobo Div, Berryville, VA  
Bonita Webster, Zionsville, IN  
Brad Miller, Topeka, KS  
Brad Stephan, Kearney, NE

“

This should be important to all people and businesses. It impacts all of us to the detriment of our society. Background checks are simple and fast, they should not be used as a political wedge when 90% of citizens support their use including gun owners... This is just simple common sense.

”

- ZACH SIDWELL  
STRATEGIC ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE, KINAXIS  
BONITA SPRINGS, FL

“

This should not be a partisan issue. Background checks are a common-sense solution that can save lives.

”

- RONALD JENNINGS  
FORMER EXECUTIVE VP,  
JOHN M. FLOYD & ASSOCIATES  
PLANO, TX

“

Employee safety is my number one priority. Strengthening background checks is an important safety measure.

”

- JOHN TOUSSAINT  
CEO, CATALYSIS INC.  
APPLETON, WI

“

Loss of life due to gun violence in America is an avoidable catastrophe...

”

- MAXIMILIAN O. THOMAS  
EXECUTIVE, CITY RUNNERS INC.  
SAN LEANDRO, CA

## SIGNATORIES

Brenda Baney, Roanoke, VA  
Brian White, Chicago, IL  
Bronwyn Dunne, South Burlington, VT  
Bruce Benton, Eastsound, WA  
Bruce Iverson, Casa Grande, AZ  
Bryan Bennett, Kennesaw, GA  
Bryan Yeh, Stockton, CA  
Bryce Hansen, Seattle, WA  
Bwana Payeye Kizito, Nevada, TX  
Calvin Anderson, Memphis, TN  
Carl Hochreiter, Saint Augustine, FL  
Carl Vilella, Coraopolis, PA  
Carlos Nunez, Reseda, CA  
Carmen Pelaez, Miami, FL  
Carol Bartosch, Saint Paul, MN  
Carol Cure, Durango, CO  
Carol Freese, Kennewick, WA  
Carol Guzman, Burlison, TX  
Carol Kelley, San Diego, CA  
Carol Keogh, Land O Lakes, FL  
Carol King, North Las Vegas, NV  
Carol McWhirter, Doniphan, NE  
Carol Merkel, Arlington, TX  
Carol Neill, Overland Park, KS  
Carol Pulley, Gulf Breeze, FL  
Carole George, Warrenton, OR  
Caroline Themm, New York, NY  
Carolyn Bossard, Tucson, AZ  
Carolyn Kelly, Saint Louis, MO  
Carolyn McCollum, Boise, ID  
Carolyn Vaughan, Las Vegas, NV  
Cassandra Tremaine, Sacramento, CA  
Catherine Sterchi, Overland Park, KS  
Celia O'Kelley, Tuscaloosa, AL  
Charlene Ferguson, Otho, IA  
Charles Lloyd, Los Angeles, CA  
Charlotte Alexandre, Denver, CO

“

I am totally in support of a bipartisan solution to gun violence and urge that the Senate moves in this direction. It makes good sense to have background checks for gun ownership since guns are dangerous in the wrong hands.

”

- BRONWYN DUNNE  
DIRECTOR,  
IN THE KITCHEN WITH BRONWYN  
SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT

“

The ability ... to walk in armed, as customers often will, creates an atmosphere of fear among the employees and must be addressed to prevent ongoing bloodshed. Balance the 2nd Amendment to the obvious need to protect your constituents.

”

- STEPHEN WILSON  
DIRECTOR, FAR SHORES TRADE  
DEXTER, MO

“

The reputation our country is getting is not conducive to drawing tourism to the USA. Once the pandemic restrictions are lifted, tourism is a viable way to get our economy rolling. Fear of uncontrollable gun violence will hamper any efforts to bring the tourists here.

”

- PAUL TATAR  
CONSULTANT, SELF EMPLOYED  
CLEARWATER BEACH, FL

## SIGNATORIES

Chas Chester, Rockville, MD  
Cheryl Mullin, Harris, MN  
Christine Chin Ryan, Portland, OR  
Christine O'Neal, Sorrento, FL  
Christopher Cleary, Broomfield, CO  
Christopher Hitchcock, Princeton, NJ  
Christopher Hodshire, Kalamazoo, MI  
Chuck Willis, Waldport, OR  
Cindy Nowe, Annapolis, MD  
Cindy Schade, Boynton Beach, FL  
Clare S. Rosenfield, Hartsdale, NY  
Courtney Chance, Madison, MS  
Craig Diehls, Fields Landing, CA  
Craig Stallone, Flushing, NY  
Crystal Alexander, Chicago, IL  
Crystal Evans, King of Prussia, PA  
Curt Baunsgard, Bend, OR  
Curt Herman, Bronson, MI  
CV Rao, Houston, TX  
Dale Gluck, Berwyn, PA  
Dan Johnson, Orlando, FL  
Dan Miller, Morgantown, WV  
Dan Russell, Columbia, MO  
Dana Coble, Punta Gorda, FL  
Dana Lewis, Midlothian, TX  
Daniel Bonyeau, Westfield, MA  
Daniel Charles, Camp Hill, PA  
Daniel McMullen, Cleveland, OH  
Daniel Nelms, Grovetown, GA  
Daniel Powell, Moreno Valley, CA  
Daniel Quinones, Miami Beach, FL  
Danielle Schultz, Sanford, CO  
Danny Ace Valentine, Chester, PA  
Darla Lathan, Houston, TX  
Darlene Scott, Saint Paul, MN  
Darryl Brathwaite, Canyon Country, CA  
Daryl Gray, Tampa, FL

“

We need to prioritize safety and health over the largely unchecked right to bear arms. It's long past time to do something.

”

- BRYCE HANSEN  
OWNER, BASTA BOATLIFTS  
SEATTLE, WA

“

It is important to the country that we have bipartisan rational gun laws to create a safer environment for all citizens - the fact that is even a discussion is disturbing.

”

- RONALD JACKSON  
CEO, ARCHITECTURAL SYSTEMS  
NEW YORK, NY

“

We have got to move forward on reasonable gun safety. This is such a small step.

”

- KATIE O'REILLY  
PRESIDENT, NECESSARY MEASURES, INC  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL

“

I urge the U. S. Senate to take action on gun violence by passing commonsense bipartisan legislation to strengthen the federal background check system.

”

- DAVID MUNSON  
PRESIDENT,  
DAVID MUNSON & ASSOCIATES INC.  
ADRIAN, MI

## SIGNATORIES

David Anyonuccio, Reno, NV  
David Coatsworth, Tucson, AZ  
David Coffey, Leland, NC  
David Dornbush, Marion, KS  
David Drake, Escondido, CA  
David Duff, Hammond, NY  
David Harold Braun, San Antonio, TX  
David Hawkins, Prescott Valley, AZ  
David Jarvis, Wyoming, MI  
David Kersten, Sebring, OH  
David Lathrop, Ada, MI  
David Martucci, West Orange, NJ  
David Matteucci, Murrieta, CA  
David Munson, Adrian, MI  
David Peskind, Boca Raton, FL  
David Tuthill, Dallas, TX  
David Zimmer, Saline, MI  
Dawn Broadbent, Colorado Springs, CO  
Debbie Lehwalder, Grants Pass, OR  
Deborah Anderson, Homer, AK  
Deborah Riley, Lake Worth, FL  
Deborah Schneider, Charleston, SC  
Deborah Sphar, Saint Charles, MO  
Debra Bridwell, Naperville, IL  
Debra Gillispie, Milwaukee, WI  
Debra Kuptz, Plymouth, MI  
Debra Vogler, Palm Desert, CA  
Delano Wilson, Shreveport, LA  
Deneen Griffin, Lorain, OH  
Denise Morgan-Irish, Rogersville, MO  
Dennis Flynn, Larkspur, CO  
Dennis Hough, Syracuse, NY  
Derick Bryant, Dorchester, MA  
Devon Allen, Philadelphia, PA  
Devorah Hill, Los Angeles, CA  
Diana Moon, Denver, CO  
Diane Iverson, Madison, WI

“

Our nation needs common sense gun laws. We should have universal background checks for gun purchases.

”

- STEVEN ASKIN  
REAL ESTATE AGENT,  
KW ON THE WATER - SARASOTA  
BRADENTON, FL

“

Gun violence in this country has got to stop. We need sensible gun laws [and] background checks.

”

- SUSAN TOUCHON  
SELF-EMPLOYED  
SAINT LOUIS, MO

“

Background checks are just to protect citizens better.

”

- ARVO PIKKARAINEN  
ARCHITECT, SELF-EMPLOYED  
PATASKALA, OH

“

I do not want to see another death in the USA due to gun violence. Just one death can impact a family, friends, work, and others the rest of their lives, and the revenue lost due to this epidemic is staggering as you already are fully aware of. Stop the killing now.

”

- RICHARD LOBB  
PRINCIPAL, LOBB GROUP  
JOHNSTOWN, PA



## SIGNATORIES

Diane M. Olson Schmidt, Milwaukee, WI  
Diane Sumpter, Columbia, SC  
Diane Woods, Ypsilanti, MI  
Dianna Greening, Milwaukee, WI  
Ditra Walsh, New York, NY  
DoEllen Boudouin-McKey, Bogalusa, LA  
Dolores Arndt, Dafter, MI  
Dolores Lucero, Houston, TX  
Dominic Lyon, Upper Marlboro, MD  
Dominick Dirksen, Littleton, CO  
Don Duncan, Fort Worth, TX  
Don Thompson, Cambridge, MA  
Don Zolman, Pierceton, IN  
Donald Clark, Pleasant Hill, TN  
Donald Russell, Lexington, VA  
Donna Hall, Middle River, MD  
Donna Olsen, Grand Forks, ND  
Donna Royal, Stephenville, TX  
Dori Cole, Wheaton, IL  
Dorothy Burch, Lebanon, KY  
Dorothy Melone, Anaheim, CA  
Doug Spurlin, Fayetteville, AR  
Doug Wilson, Little Deer Isle, ME  
Douglas Hayhurst, Minneapolis, MN  
Dru Sorenson, Hope, AK  
Earnest Tilley, Forney, TX  
Edith Ogella, Santa Barbara, CA  
Edna Harper, Springfield, OH  
Edward Reichman, West Orange, NJ  
Edward S. Garcia Jr., Virginia Beach, VA  
Edward Wentz, Conway, AR  
Eileen Rega, Blythewood, SC  
Elaine Stienon, Ann Arbor, MI  
Eleasha Counts, McKinney, TX  
Eli Middleton, Mission Hills, CA  
Eli Pepper, Croton on Hudson, NY  
Elinor Smith, Tampa, FL

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[We] work with counties, school districts, towns, special districts, emergency medical services, firefighters and all are at high risk while serving in positions that serve our needs and educate our youth. I have no issue with anyone having a gun, as long as they pass a background check.

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- KATHLEEN HICKS  
CEO, TEXAS RISK AND INSURANCE  
MANAGEMENT SERVICES  
ROCKPORT, TX

“

There is no acceptable reason that law abiding gun owners should object to stricter background checks for new gun owners.

”

- SHEILA STOKES  
ACCOUNTANT, SELF-EMPLOYED  
HOUSTON, TX

“

Most walls in my office are glass - interior and exterior. If a shooter came, we would have virtually no place to shelter.

”

- JOHN BARNES  
ATTORNEY, SELF-EMPLOYED  
FORT WORTH, TX

“

Lives matter; treat guns like cars. They're both a weapon if not used responsibly.

”

- DENISE MORGAN-IRISH  
OWNER, AMD  
ROGERSVILLE, MO

## SIGNATORIES

Elizabeth Neu, Ashburn, VA  
Elizabeth Quinn, Warminster, PA  
Elizabeth Rodriguez, Charlotte, NC  
Ellen Boyle, North Chatham, NY  
Ellen Freeman, State College, PA  
Ellen Schaffer, Sherman Oaks, CA  
Ellen Segal, Toluca Lake, CA  
Elli Klein, Wilmington, NC  
Emad Aziz, New York, NY  
Emery Goff, Portland, ME  
Emily Hall, Montclair, NJ  
Emmitt Wilson, Rochester, NY  
Enrico Hanks, Detroit, MI  
Eric Hatch, Long Beach, CA  
Eric Morrison, Saint Paul, MN  
Eric Wollscheid, Countryside, IL  
Eric Zakin, San Mateo, CA  
Erica Giannie Hernandez, Bronx, NY  
Erik Hvoslef, Salida, CO  
Ernest Bennett, Montesano, WA  
Ernest Yeager, Wrightstown, NJ  
Esther Caplan, Redmond, WA  
Eva Almamelleky, Milwaukee, WI  
Eva Maile Ichkhanian, Saint Paul, MN  
Evan Fineman, Plymouth Meeting, PA  
Fannie Hayes, Washington, DC  
Felisha Palumbo, Headland, AL  
Fernando Perez-Viart, Lafayette, LA  
Ferrel King, Port Orchard, WA  
Fitzhugh Shaw, Louisville, CO  
Florine Bowman, Plano, TX  
Foad Monjazeb, Corona Del Mar, CA  
Frances Bell, Somerset, NJ  
Frances Recca, Netcong, NJ  
Francis John, Doylestown, PA  
Francisco Enriquez, Wichita, KS  
Frank Atuahene PhD, Statesboro, GA

“

I believe violent people should not have firearms. I am a retired police officer and own a business and all too often people who should not have firearms do. It is a fine line between what one has a right to and what society needs.

”

- WAYNE OTT  
OWNER, JANVIER OTT INC.  
ORBISONIA, PA

“

Let's set aside politics and think about all the people affected by gun violence. Enhanced background checks is the least we can do—simple steps to protect from people who shouldn't have guns for reasons we all agree on. Please. It's time.

”

- WENDY JAMESON  
CEO, VIECONNECT US  
PHOENIX, AZ

“

Gun violence is the most pressing disease plaguing United States and it is affecting everyone...After losing its economic competitiveness in the world marketplace, America is losing its civic duty of protecting its own citizens.

”

- ALBERTO DE GOBBI  
PRESIDENT, FABBRICA  
WINDSOR, CT

## SIGNATORIES

Fred Keller, Jackson, WY  
Freya Harris, Atlanta, GA  
G. Scott Brown, Portland, OR  
Garret Frey, Cedar Rapids, IA  
Gary Dirks, Port Orchard, WA  
Gary T. Furino Sr, Tazewell, TN  
Gaylord Oppeward, Hixton, WI  
Genevieve Lobo, San Jose, CA  
George Schlichte, Gloucester, MA  
George Ward, Norfolk, VA  
Georgena Askew, El Paso, TX  
Gerald Acker, Southfield, MI  
Gerald Kauffman, Newark, DE  
Gilberto Perez, Houston, TX  
Gillie McIntosh, Fort Washington, MD  
Glen Popple, Waterford, WI  
Glenn Hufnagel, Buffalo, NY  
Gloria Maceiko, Pleasanton, CA  
Gloria Smestad, Chula Vista, CA  
Gordon Hecker, Columbus, OH  
Gordon Nelson, Hillside, NJ  
Grace Hernandez, Basking Ridge, NJ  
Greg Towne, Excelsior, MN  
Gregory Smith, San Francisco, CA  
Greta Aul, Lancaster, PA  
Guido Mastropaolo, San Francisco, CA  
Gwen Richards, Santa Barbara, CA  
Gwen Thomas, Cambria, CA  
Hal Pillinger, Port Chester, NY  
Haley Rice, Los Angeles, CA  
Hana Mariah Hatta, Little Rock, AR  
Hank Ramirez, San Diego, CA  
Harriett Lock, Carrollton, MO  
Harris Miller, McLean, VA  
Harvey Burg, Austin, TX  
Harvey Stein, Merrick, NY  
Haydee Sabogal, Stamford, CT

“ When hiring people for a position, we have to pass background checks. Isn't it logical that to own a lethal weapon you should pass the same test? ”

- ROSA GARCIA  
FORMER OWNER, A. GARCIA  
INTERPRETING SERVICES  
EL PASO, TX

“ We need to stop the killing in America, caused by gun violence. Everyone who has a gun, must have a background check. ”

- EDNA HARPER  
OWNER, HARPER MACK GROUP  
SPRINGFIELD, OH

“ I see this as a step toward gun safety. Guns kill and in the hands of unsafe and irresponsible people, they kill the owner's family, fellow workers and neighbors. Step one to gun safety is background check. ”

- BETTY SAYERS  
PRESIDENT, BUZZ SAVORIES LLC  
HOLDREGE, NE

“ I support solutions to help keep our communities safe from gun violence. ”

- DARLENE SCOTT  
CEO, THE PHOENIX RESIDENCE, INC.  
SAINT PAUL, MN

## SIGNATORIES

Helaine Blum, Hollywood, FL  
Helen Foley, Las Vegas, NV  
Helen Milby, Saint Michaels, MD  
Helen Terrazas, McKinney, TX  
Helena Ruffin, Charlotte, NC  
Helena Shanteau, Monroe, MI  
Hershey Knight, Smithfield, VA  
Hezekiah Simmons, Pittsford, NY  
Howard Floch, Clemmons, NC  
Hoyt McGuyer, Mesquite, TX  
Ileana Cortes, Bayamon, PR  
Inez Abeyta, Holman, NM  
Ingar Forsmark, Barrington, IL  
Ireen Simon, New York, NY  
Irma Rey, Miami, FL  
J. Barry Gurdin, San Francisco, CA  
J. Perry Maddox, Waldorf, MD  
J.C. González, Irving, TX  
Jack Kalbfleisch, Ann Arbor, MI  
Jack LeVine, Las Vegas, NV  
Jackie Stolfi, Massapequa Park, NY  
Jackson Sperry, Chaska, MN  
Jacqulyne Carter, Newark, DE  
Jai Singh, Solon, OH  
James Alderson, Gwinn, MI  
James DeBarger, Reno, NV  
James Dolan, Ramsey, NJ  
James Jachimiak, Franklin, IN  
James Katzen, Las Vegas, NV  
James Knesek, McKinney, TX  
James May, Houston, TX  
James Paicopolos, South Dartmouth, MA  
James Sargent, Lawrenceburg, KY  
James Schmitt, Indian Mound, TN  
James Yvonne Tittle, Bronx, NY  
Jamie Lurtz, Las Vegas, NV  
Jane Cocking, Dallas, GA

“

I believe everyone should have a background check to ensure not only the safety of others, but also the safety of the person who is requesting to purchase a firearm.

”

- ALICE ROBINSON  
OWNER, ONE BRIDGE, LLC  
JACKSONVILLE, FL

“

Finding a solution to gun violence should be a priority in the United States.

”

- MARY O. BARNARD  
OWNER, ELECTRA FINE ARTS,  
TRES TSE ROCKS  
EL PASO, TX

“

Almost daily gun violence in the US recently might deter people from eating in restaurants, going to fairs, bars, cafes and many other food services.

”

- JENNIFER HUANG  
OWNER, 1000 LAYER BAKERY  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA

“

It is important to everyone. It will help reduce gun violence in this country.

”

- PAM LAMBERT  
OWNER, PAM'S PAMPERED PETS  
AMANDA, OH

## SIGNATORIES

Jane Gates, Rougemont, NC  
Jane Gerardi, High Springs, FL  
Jane Kepner, White Salmon, WA  
Jane LaLone, Poughkeepsie, NY  
Jane Obbagy, West Newton, MA  
Janelle Batta, Greensburg, IN  
Janet Johnson, Palmdale, CA  
Janet Sevier, Denver, CO  
Janice Dlugosz, Beachwood, NJ  
Jaqueline Bagdonas, Hollywood, FL  
Jay Askari, Woodland Hills, CA  
Jean Hackney, Philadelphia, PA  
Jean Radtke, Milwaukee, WI  
Jeanetta Price, Ashtabula, OH  
Jeanne Curnyn, Ringwood, NJ  
Jeanne Quinn, Olathe, KS  
Jeff Rothenberg, Round Rock, TX  
Jeff Schumann, Deforest, WI  
Jeff Smulyan, Indianapolis, IN  
Jeffrey A. Suhre, Farmington, MI  
Jeffrey Johnson, Carlsbad, CA  
Jeffrey Tyson, Fernandina Beach, FL  
Jennell Scudder, Dillsboro, IN  
Jennifer Alberghini, Bellerose, NY  
Jennifer Goodley, Bremerton, WA  
Jennifer Huang, San Francisco, CA  
Jennifer Olson, Queen Creek, AZ  
Jennifer Reinert, Marquette, MI  
Jeri Liggett, Oklahoma City, OK  
Jerry Underfer, Toledo, OH  
Jessica Buck, West Harrison, NY  
Jessica Sevilla, Royal Oak, MI  
Jill Nelson, Vancouver, WA  
Jim McGrath, Barrington, IL  
Jimmy Ferguson, Austin, TX  
Joan Binkow, Ann Arbor, MI  
Joan Caiazzo, Fresh Meadows, NY

“ Loopholes for background checks should be closed to prevent the sale of weapons to those individuals who shouldn't possess them. Bipartisan support will ensure that everyone is in agreement that this is right course of action... ”

- ROBERT GRIEVE  
CEO, PROTEQ  
HAMILTON, VA

“ There is no reason not to have a background check. We require them for most jobs, licenses, even getting into colleges. Why wouldn't we require a background check before purchasing a weapon that can do so much harm? ”

- THEODORE RUBIN  
PRESIDENT, ACTIVENGAGE, INC.  
LAKE MARY, FL

“ Business hates uncertainty. Random mass shootings by individuals in/ near businesses represent the worst kind of uncertainty - fear for one's life. With the economy trying to rebound from the pandemic, gun violence is yet another obstacle... ”

- MELISSA SANDERSON  
PRESIDENT, MEL SANDERSON  
CONSULTING LLC,  
PHOENIX, AZ

## SIGNATORIES

Joan Donaway, Hesperus, CO  
Joan Putney, Richmond, VA  
Joan Speicher, Dayton, OH  
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“

As an older woman who is a realtor, sometimes one can be frightened entering homes with a client at night. There are incidences of physical abuse of some of us. When there is a gun involved, it becomes a serious injury or death.

”

- NINA ISRAEL  
RESIDENTIAL REALTOR,  
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“

I fear having someone with a gun enter my facility. Violence needs to be curbed. Don't put guns in the hands of those who clearly should not have them... It's a safety issue - not a political issue.

”

- LUCINDA RUDIN  
PRESIDENT, CINDY LU CREATIONS  
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“

Our business is in an area in Las Vegas where there is a lot of violent crime. Crime and murder is only getting worse and getting worse by people who have no right to have a gun or the style of gun they have. Enough is enough.

”

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“

We need universal background checks, we need an assault weapons ban — we need to protect our children, teachers and medical professionals not with guns but with laws. Universal background checks are long overdue and we need greater mental health care in our community. Let's come together to take care of one another, not silence each other with bullets. As a small business owner, I don't want my staff to have to fear for their lives or the lives of their loved ones.

”

- TASYA KELEN  
CEO, ISADORE NUT CO,  
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“

As a business leader in the affordable housing industry, I support detailed background checks. Gun violence has a horrific impact on communities across the nation. It threatens the stability and safety of neighborhoods and sacred places like schools, hospitals and places of worship.

”

- KRISTINE WEILBACKER HANSON  
CEO, DWELL COMMUNITY CONSULTANTS  
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“

Do something. We are taking our thoughts and prayers to the ballot box. Find common ground and do something. The public has had enough.

”

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