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Joint Statement From Gun Violence Prevention Organizations: The Time is Now

It's Not Enough to Say the Words. It's Time to Do The Work

Following the recent mass shootings in Atlanta, Chicago, and Boulder, President Joe Biden addressed the nation and pledged that he does not “[need to wait another minute](#), let alone an hour, to take common sense steps that will save lives.”

President Biden inherited a troubling trend of rising gun homicides, suicides, domestic violence, mass shootings, and armed political violence. In the first three months of 2021, [at least 9,657 Americans lost their lives to gun violence](#), with Black and Brown communities experiencing a disproportionate impact of the sorrow, pain and trauma associated with this public health crisis.

Since President Biden ran for office on a comprehensive gun violence reduction platform and argued that his years of experience in Washington have taught him how to “[bring Democrats and Republicans together](#) in the United States Congress to pass big things, to deal with big issues,” we urge the Biden administration to waste no time in following through on these campaign promises.

To do so, President Biden must personally meet with organizations and voices advocating for gun reform, articulate a comprehensive plan and vision for enacting critical reforms and making essential community investments that have been shown to reduce gun violence. Such a plan must include a suite of executive actions, a budgetary commitment to invest in the communities most impacted by everyday gun violence, the appointment of a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) director who will ensure needed oversight and accountability for the gun industry, and an aggressive plan to engage Congress on this critical issue that is killing over 100 Americans every day.

We call on President Biden to unveil this proposal during his joint address to Congress.

Survivors of gun violence and Americans across the country have urged elected leaders to pass life saving reforms for decades, only to be told that the time is not right or that the politics are simply too complicated. This year, the gun violence prevention movement is stronger than ever before and we intend to break the deadly cycle of inaction and not wait another minute in holding our elected leaders accountable for the promises they've made.

#Impact
#NoRA
2nd Call
67th Precinct Clergy Council, Inc.
Akilah Dasilva Foundation
Alliance for Gun Responsibility
Ban Assault Weapons Now!
Birmingham Peacemakers
Blessed Ministries & Blessed Devotions
Brady
Broward for Progress
Bullets4life
The Campaign to Keep Guns Off Campus
Ceasefire Oregon
CeaseFirePA Education Fund
CEO Pipe Organs/Golden Ponds Farm
Champions In Service
Change the Ref
Chi-Town GVP Summit
Cities United
Coalition To Stop Gun Violence
Colorado Ceasefire
Community Justice Action Fund
CT Against Gun Violence
Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence
Ethan Miller Song Foundation
Faith In Alabama
Faith In Florida
Faith In Indiana
Faith In New Jersey
Faith In New York

Faith In The Valley (Stockton, Fresno, Bakersfield)
FORCE Detroit
ForestKids
Gays Against Guns
Giffords
Grandmothers Against Gun Violence
Gun Safety Alliance
Guns Down America
Guns Down Life Up
GunSense NH
GunSense Vermont
Health Alliance for Violence Intervention
Heartland Alliance
Homies Unidos Inc.
Honor With Action Coalition
Hoosiers Concerned About Gun Violence
Imani Dream Angel
Iowans for Gun Safety
Jr Newtown Action Alliance
Justice for D'Londre Foundation
Life Camp
Live Free California
Live Free Chicago
Live Free Illinois - E. St. Louis
LIVE FREE USA
Maine Gun Safety Coalition
March For Our Lives
Marylanders to Prevent Gun
Missouri Faith Voices
Monmouth Center Of World Religions and Ethical Thought

Mount Vernon Unitarian Church
Newtown Action Alliance
Not Another Child
Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence
Orange Ribbons For Gun Safety
People for a Safer Society
Physicians for the Prevention of Gun Violence
Protect Minnesota
Protest Easy Guns
READI Chicago
Remembering Darien
Resistance Seacoast
Sacred Ground Ministries
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, LA
States United to Prevent Gun Violence
Stop Handgun Violence
STRONG Youth, Inc.
Survivors Empowered
Survivors Lead
T & J 2011 24/7
Team Enough
This is Our Lane
Violence Interrupters, NFP
Voice Buffalo
WAVE Educational Fund
Youth Over Guns