



TEMPLATE LETTER TO POLICYMAKERS

Dear POLICYMAKER:

I write to you today to ask that you support the Denver Accord, a comprehensive gun violence prevention platform developed and supported by more than 40 gun violence prevention organizations across the country.

The Denver Accord, which was signed by organizations such as Newtown Action Alliance, States United to Prevent Gun Violence, Survivors Empowered, Orange Ribbons for Jaime, and the Women's March, is designed to address four key policy areas:

- Putting safety first by improving standards for firearms and firearm ownership
- Letting current laws work by enhancing and enforcing existing laws
- Protecting communities by incentivizing preventative programs and reforms
- Funding academic research

On the eve of the 20th anniversary of the mass shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, gun violence prevention researchers, advocates and survivors gathered from around the country at the 2019 Gun Violence Prevent Conference in Denver sponsored by GVpedia, a non-profit that provides access to its comprehensive Gun Study Database. From this assembly was born the Denver Accord, which combines best practices from across the country with evidence-based research to create a comprehensive and effective set of policies and programs intended to stop the scourge of gun violence in the United States.

Signatories of the Denver Accord endorse the following principles:

- Guns do *not* make Americans safer.
- Gun violence in America is a pervasive public health crisis that demands substantial policy solutions and well-funded programs that effectively reduce gun violence.
- Equitable and just enforcement of gun laws is paramount.
- Everyone has the right to live free from violence.

Gun violence is a multifaceted problem that requires a complex and comprehensive approach. There is no single policy that can address the magnitude of this crisis. The Denver Accord is designed to address the complexity and enormity of this problem by making recommendations in 9 policy areas:

- Licensing
- Registration
- Extreme Risk Protection Orders
- Safe Storage

- Reduce Lethality of Firearms and Ammunition
- Strengthen and Enforce Existing Gun Laws
- Reduce Presence of Firearms in Public Spaces
- Fund and Proliferate Community-Based Solutions
- Police Reform

The Denver Accord can be found in its entirety at www.denveraccord.org. I urge you to adopt this platform and work with us to save lives.

Sincerely,