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NAME OF YOUR ORGANIZATION Joins Gun Violence Prevention Organizations Across the Country in Asking Presidential Candidate to Support Comprehensive Policy Platform to Stop Gun Violence Epidemic

YOUR LOCATION (DATE): NAME OF YOUR ORGANIZATION today announced it joins a coalition of gun violence prevention organizations calling on the 2020 presidential candidates to adopt the Denver Accord, a comprehensive public policy platform that combines best practices across the country with academic research to stop the scourge of gun violence in the United States.

QUOTE FROM YOUR ORGANIZATION

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

In a letter encouraging presidential candidates to adopt this platform, Devin Hughes, Founder of GVpedia, a non-profit that provides access to its comprehensive Gun Study Database, which led the effort, said, "The Denver Accord is born out of hope for a future free from gun violence. Forged by a community of survivors, experts, and advocates, the Accord is a powerful roadmap to a safer future for our children, families, and communities."

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 GVpedia's 2019 Gun Violence Prevention Conference in Denver to honor the lives changed by the Columbine shooting and to forge a path forward to reducing gun violence. 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.

The letter sent to the presidential candidates went on to say, “Gun violence is a multi-faceted problem that demands a comprehensive approach to eradicate. No one policy or program alone is sufficient to address the magnitude of the crisis. The Denver Accord is designed to address the complexity and enormity of this problem. We urge you to adopt this platform and work with us to save lives.”

The Denver Accord is available in its entirety online at www.DenverAccord.org.

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About NAME OF YOUR ORGANIZATION

Include 2-3 sentences about your organization and a link to your website.

About GVPedia

GVPedia, founded in 2017, is a comprehensive resource providing public access to its Gun Study Database, the largest in existence, and to GVP University, a repository of white papers and fact sheets about gun violence. Learn more about GVPedia at <https://www.gvpedia.org>.