

More than 300 Organizations representing Law Enforcement, Elected Officials, Children's, Civil Rights, Public Health, Faith-Based, and Gun Violence Prevention Leaders at the National, State, and Local Level

Support S. 1807, the Gun Show Loophole Closing Act of 2003

February 23, 2004

Dear Senator:

The undersigned organizations, representing a broad array of law enforcement, gun violence prevention, public health, faith-based, education, child advocacy, civil rights, and victim's rights organizations, support S.1807, The Gun Show Loophole Closing Act of 2003.

S. 1807 ensures that firearm sales at gun shows are subject to a criminal background check. Introduced by Senators John McCain, Jack Reed, Mike DeWine and Joe Lieberman, S.1807 will prevent criminals, juveniles, and other prohibited purchasers from buying firearms at gun shows. Under current federal law, licensed dealers are required to run criminal background checks at gun shows, while unlicensed dealers are not. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has reported that gun shows are the second leading source of firearms recovered in illegal gun trafficking investigations. This common-sense measure will prevent prohibited purchasers from buying guns at the thousands of gun shows that take place all across America every year.

Please help close this dangerous loophole and make certain that law enforcement has the tools necessary to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and other prohibited purchasers. We ask that you support S 1807, and urge the Senate leadership to bring S. 1807 to a vote before the end of this Congressional session.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

National Organizations

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Suicidology
American College of Emergency Physicians
American College of Physicians
American College of Preventive Medicine
American College of Surgeons
American Ethical Union
The American Jewish Committee

American Probation and Parole Association
American Public Health Association
Americans for Democratic Action
Americans for Gun Safety
Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence United with the Million Mom March
Brethren Witness/Washington Office
Campaign for a Progressive Future
Central Conference of American Rabbis
Child Welfare League of America
Children's Defense Fund
Church Women United
Coalition to Stop Gun Violence
Committee for the Silent March: Americans Against Gun Violence
Eta Sigma Gamma, the National Professional Health Education Honorary
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church
Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America
HELP Network
Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association
Jewish Council for Public Affairs
Jewish Women International
Justice Policy Institute
 League of Women Voters of the U.S.
 Legal Community Against Violence -- Firearms Law Center
Loretto Community
Major Cities Chiefs
Mennonite Central Committee U.S., Washington Office
Mothers Against Violence in America
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
National Association of Counties
National Association of School Psychologists
National Association of Social Workers
National Center for Lesbian Rights
National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA
National Council of Jewish Women
National Education Association
National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives
National Parent Teachers Association (PTA)
Physicians for a Violence-free Society
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Presbyterian Church (USA)
 Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE)
 Trauma Foundation
UMC General Board of Church and Society
Union for Reform Judaism

Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations
United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries
The United States Conference of Mayors
Voices for America's Children
Women of Reform Judaism

State Organizations

Arizona

Arizonans for Gun Safety

California

Alameda County Million Mom March Chapter
California Women's Agenda
Contra Costa Million Mom March Chapter
Marin County Million Mom March Chapter
Napa & Solano Million Mom March Chapter
Nevada County Million Mom March Chapter
Orange County Million Mom March Chapter
Sacramento Valley Million Mom March Chapter
San Bernadino Million Mom March Chapter
San Diego County Million Mom March Chapter
San Fernando Valley Million Mom March Chapter
Santa Clarita Million Mom March Chapter
Silicon Valley/Santa Clara Million Mom March Chapter
Sonoma County Million Mom March Chapter
South Bay-Long Beach Million Mom March Chapter
West Los Angeles County Million Mom March Chapter
Women Against Gun Violence
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Colorado

Colorado Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility
Denver Million Mom March Chapter
Larimer County Million Mom March Chapter

Connecticut

CT Collaborative for Education Against Gun Violence
Central Connecticut Million Mom March Chapter

Fairfield County Million Mom March Chapter

Delaware

New Castle County Million Mom March Chapter

Sussex County Million Mom March Chapter

District of Columbia

District of Columbia Million Mom March Chapter

Florida

Central Florida Million Mom March Chapter

Florida Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, Inc.

Florida Consumer Action Network

Northeast Florida Million Mom March Chapter

Tampa Bay Million Mom March Chapter

Georgia

Georgia Federation of Professional Health Educators, Inc.

Georgians for Gun Safety

Metro Atlanta Million Mom March Chapter

Illinois

Help for Survivors/Million Mom March Chicago

Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence

North Suburban Chicagoland Million Mom March Chapter

Southwest Chicagoland Million Mom March Chapter

Indiana

Hoosiers Concerned About Gun Violence

Kentucky

Lexington & Central Million Mom March Chapter

Maine

Maine Citizens Against Handgun Violence

Southern Maine Million Mom March Chapter

Maryland

CeaseFire MD

Montgomery County Million Mom March Chapter

Massachusetts

Cape Cod Million Mom March Chapter

Greater Boston Million Mom March Chapter

Stop Handgun Violence

Western Massachusetts Million Mom March Chapter

Michigan

Detroit Million Mom March Chapter

East Metro Detroit Million Mom March Chapter

Lansing Million Mom March Chapter

Michigan Partnership to Prevent Gun Violence On-Target Coalition

Novi Million Mom March Chapter

Southwest Michigan Million Mom March Chapter

Washtenaw County Million Mom March Chapter

West Metro Detroit Million Mom March Chapter

Minnesota

Citizens for a Safer Minnesota

Northland Minnesota and Wisconsin Million Mom March Chapter

Twin Cities Million Mom March Chapter

Missouri

St. Louis Million Mom March Chapter

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Million Mom March Chapter

New Jersey

Bergen/Passaic Million Mom March Chapter

Ceasefire NJ

Essex County Million Mom March Chapter

Mercer County Million Mom March Chapter

Shore (Ocean and Monmouth Counties) Million Mom March Chapter

New Mexico

New Mexico Million Mom March Chapter

New York

Brooklyn Million Mom March Chapter

Broome County Million Mom March Chapter

Capital Region Million Mom March Chapter

Manhattan Million Mom March Chapter

Nassau County Million Mom March Chapter

New Yorkers Against Gun Violence

Otsego County Million Mom March Chapter

Queens County Million Mom March Chapter

Suffolk County Million Mom March Chapter

North Carolina

Forsyth Mothers and Others Million Mom March Chapter

Wake County Million Mom March Chapter

West Triangle Million Mom March Chapter

Ohio

Central Ohio Million Mom March Chapter

Church of the Resurrection Social Justice Commission (Solon, Ohio)

Commission on Catholic Community Action, Diocese of Cleveland

Franciscan Justice and Peace Office, Province of St. John the Baptist (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Greater Cincinnati Million Mom March Chapter

Greater Cleveland Million Mom March Chapter

Greater Toledo SAFE KIDS Coalition

InterAct Cleveland

National Council of Jewish Women, Cleveland Section

Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence

Ohio Council of Churches

Toledo Diocese Human Rights Commission

Oklahoma

The Oklahomans For Gun Safety

Oregon

Ceasefire Oregon

Multnomah County Million Mom March Chapter

Oregon Consumer League

Pennsylvania

Allegheny County Million Mom March Chapter

CeaseFire PA

Centre County Million Mom March Chapter

Chester County Million Mom March Chapter

Montgomery County and Delaware County Million Mom March Chapter

Pennsylvanians Against Handgun Violence

Rhode Island

Rhode Island Million Mom March Chapter

Texas

Central Texas Million Mom March Chapter

Dallas Million Mom March Chapter

Texans for Gun Safety

South Texas Million Mom March Chapter

Utah

Gun Violence Prevention Center of Utah

Salt Lake City Million Mom March Chapter

Virginia

Hampton Roads Million Mom March Chapter

Northern Virginia Million Mom March Chapter

Richmond Million Mom March Chapter

Virginians Against Handgun Violence

Voices for Virginia's Children

Washington

Clark County Million Mom March Chapter

League of Women Voters of Washington

Lutheran Public Policy Office of Washington State
Washington CeaseFire

Wisconsin

Northland Minnesota and Wisconsin Million Mom March Chapter
Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort (WAVE) Educational Fund
Wisconsin Council of Children and Families