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Dear Republican Leader McCarthy and Whip Scalise:

As you know, our country continues to face a daily epidemic of gun violence, with more than 40,000 Americans dying in 2022. As Chairman of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, I urge you to commit to allotting time in your newly released 2023 legislative calendar to act on gun violence.

In the past, we have heard concerns that considering gun violence prevention legislation in the wake of a prominent shooting is inappropriate to the victims and doesn't allow time for healing. The sad reality is that more than 100 people die every day to gun violence, and the 617 mass shootings to date in 2022 alone, makes it impossible to set aside a week that doesn't mark the one-year anniversary of a mass shooting. Waiting for a day that isn't marked by a preventable gun tragedy will only ensure that more lives are needlessly lost to gun violence.

Attached is a calendar of one-year anniversaries of mass shootings from 2022, marking this grim reality. I urge you to work with the Task Force on a legislative agenda in 2023 that takes meaningful action to reduce gun violence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Thompson".

MIKE THOMPSON

Chair

Gun Violence Prevention Task Force