

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

August 8, 2025

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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Elise Stefanik (NY-21)  
Member of Congress  
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The Honorable Andrew Garbarino (NY-02)  
Member of Congress  
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The Honorable Nick Langworthy (NY-23)  
Member of Congress  
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The Honorable Nicole Malliotakis (NY-11)  
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The Honorable Claudia Tenney (NY-24)  
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Dear Congressman LaLota, Congressman Garbarino, Congresswoman Malliotakis, Congressman Lawler, Congresswoman Stefanik, Congressman Langworthy and Congresswoman Tenney,

In the wake of the deadliest mass shooting in New York City in 25 years, we invite you to cosponsor H.R. 18, the **Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2025**.

As you may know, current law requires every federally licensed dealer to run a background check on every gun they sell. There is proof these background checks work. Every day, background checks stop more than 160 felons and some 50 domestic abusers from getting a gun from a federally licensed dealer. Unfortunately, in some states, those same prohibited purchasers can go to an unlicensed dealer and get a firearm without a background check.

Importantly, this bill would make no changes for New Yorkers' access to firearms as New York already has a strong universal state background law. The bill would reduce the flow of guns trafficked into New York and used by felons, domestic abusers and those with mental illnesses who are a danger to themselves or others. Over 80 percent of the guns traced at crime scenes in New York by the ATF originate from outside of New York with the most guns coming from Georgia.

The **Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2025** is a commonsense approach supported by more than 80 percent of Republicans and 77 percent of self-described Second Amendment supporters in America. The bill would require that every sale of a firearm include a background check. The bill includes exemptions for family transfers and temporary hunting transfers.

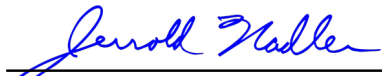
We understand the sensitivities around gun violence legislation and urge members representing constituents who live and work in New York City to cosponsor the bill en bloc on the one-month anniversary of the Manhattan mass shooting on August 28th.

To join as a cosponsor contact Rep. Mike Thompson's office. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



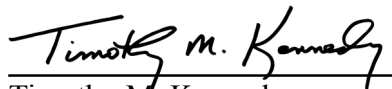
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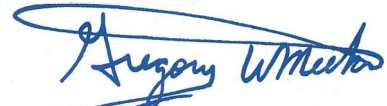


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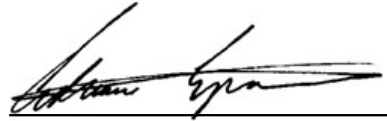
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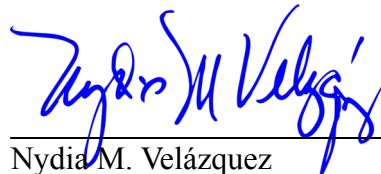
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