



GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION TASK FORCE

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The Thompson-King Public Safety and Second Amendment Rights Protection Act

H.R. 4240, the Thompson-King Public Safety and Second Amendment Rights Protection Act, provides grants to states to assist them in submitting information to the background check system and expands the existing background check system to cover all commercial firearm sales, including those at gun shows, over the internet or in classified ads.

Following the several tragic mass shootings, it's clear that we must do more to reduce gun violence and keep our streets, schools, and communities safe while respecting the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding gun owners. That's why we introduced this important bipartisan compromise.

H.R. 4240 closes a number of gun sale loopholes by requiring comprehensive and enforceable background checks on all commercial gun sales, including those at gun shows, over the internet or through classified ads, with reasonable family and friend exceptions. Under our legislation, background checks would be conducted through a federally licensed dealer on potential gun buyers.

The legislation also supports the Second Amendment rights of lawful gun owners. It provides reasonable exceptions to the background check requirement for firearm transfers between family, friends, and hunting buddies. The bill also explicitly bans the federal government from creating a registry.