



GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION TASK FORCE

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A Resolution to Establish a Select Committee on Gun Violence Prevention

Hundreds of people have died in mass shootings since Newtown and Congress has done nothing. No votes have been cast. No bills have been debated.

This Select Committee can change that. No proposal is going to stop every shooting, but we can come up with solutions that stop some tragedies. Congress has a responsibility to do better. We need to step up, pull together and address this problem. It is within our power to do something to help save lives.

The Select Committee on Gun Violence would study and make recommendations to address the following:

- The causes of mass shootings
- Methods to improve the Federal firearms purchaser background check system
- Connections between access to firearms and dangerously mentally ill individuals
- Federal penalties for trafficking and straw purchasing of firearms
- Loopholes that allow some domestic abusers continued access to firearms
- Linkages between firearms and suicide
- Gun violence's effect on public health
- The correlation between State gun violence prevention laws and the incidence of gun violence
- The importance of having reliable and accurate information on gun violence and its toll on our Nation
- The implementation of effective gun violence prevention laws in accordance with the Second Amendment to the Constitution
- And rates of gun violence in large metropolitan areas