

REDUCE AND PREVENT FIREARMS VIOLENCE

Gun violence is not a new issue—it is a continuing tragedy that destroys innocent lives, families, and communities. Ranging from random shootings and suicides to retaliatory assaults and targeted mass killings, violence committed with firearms universally challenges law enforcement and taxes resources. It is also taking a toll on our law enforcement officers, who risk their own lives to protect the public.

A comprehensive approach is needed in order to prevent further violence in our communities.

Action Steps:

- ✓ Support legislation and policies that prohibit the sale or transfer of armor-piercing and tracer ammunition.
- ✓ Support legislation that expands background checks and requires background checks for all firearm purchasers.
- ✓ Support legislation that would provide sufficient resources for the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).
- ✓ Limit high-capacity ammunition magazines to 10 rounds.
- ✓ Support legislation that strengthens penalties for straw purchasing and makes firearms trafficking a federal crime.
- ✓ Support legislation to create a mandatory five-day waiting period prior to the completion of a handgun purchase.
- ✓ Support legislation that creates a mechanism for legal removal of firearms when an individual meets the criteria for an “Extreme Risk Protection Order or red flag” that prohibits firearm possession.
- ✓ Oppose any federal legislative proposals that would either preempt and/or mandate the liberalization of individual states’ concealed-carry weapons (CCW) laws pertaining to the carrying of concealed weapons in other states without meeting that state’s requirements.
- ✓ Supports legislation that addresses the threat posed by untraceable firearms (e.g., ghost guns), firearm frames and receivers requiring minimum finish work, and 3D printed firearms by ensuring that these firearms have proper serial numbers, are detectable at security checkpoints, and are subject to the same laws and regulations as firearms defined in the Gun Control Act of 1968.

- ✓ Support legislation to prohibit the mail-order sale of bulletproof vests and body armor to all individuals except sworn or certified law enforcement officers.
- ✓ Support legislation that increases resources to better allow state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies and the U.S. Department of Justice to enable greater prosecution of individuals for Brady Act violations.
- ✓ Support firearms enforcement programs that involve local, state, and federal agencies, such as Project Safe Neighborhoods and Project Exile, which have shown significant reductions in firearms-related violent crime.
- ✓ Support creating a federal registry, similar to the sexual offender registry, for offenders who have been previously convicted of a felony firearm violation or a misdemeanor that involved violent or threatening acts with firearms.
- ✓ Support legislation to reauthorize a revised ban on the production and sale of semi-automatic assault weapons.
- ✓ Oppose any legislation that would limit or reduce the ability of U.S. law enforcement agencies to combat the sale of illegal guns.
- ✓ Support legislation that provides funding and technical assistance for threat assessment training for state/local law enforcement.
- ✓ Support for amending the definition of “Fugitive from Justice” as codified at 18 U.S.C. § 921 (a) (15) which states that the term “Fugitive from Justice” means any person who has fled from any state to avoid prosecution for a crime or to avoid giving testimony in any criminal proceeding. The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) has determined that under federal law, a “Fugitive from Justice” is prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm only if they flee the state in which they are the subject of an active warrant. IACP supports amending 18 USC § 921 (a) (15) to strike “from any state.”
- ✓ Support legislation that prohibits the possession, import, manufacture, transfer, and sale of attachments/accessories designed or intended to increase or modify semi-automatic firearms to automatic firearms.
- ✓ IACP opposes any efforts to remove silencers (suppressors) from the purview of the National Firearms Act, in which these devices have been registered under since 1934.