

DID YOU KNOW?

Every Day in the United States --

- **BAD GUYS (INCLUDING CRIMINALS, TERRORISTS, AND GANG MEMBERS) ARE ALLOWED TO BUY GUNS AT GUN SHOWS WITHOUT ANY BACKGROUND CHECKS**

What can Americans do about it?

Close the Loophole at Gun Shows so that ALL SELLERS OF GUNS WILL HAVE TO CONDUCT BACKGROUND CHECKS ON WHOMEVER THEY ARE SELLING GUNS TO

Currently, a loophole at gun shows allows unlicensed, private dealers to sell guns to people without conducting a background check. There are approximately 5,000 gun shows every year across the United States and 40% of sales at these shows are by unlicensed sellers who are not required to perform background checks. Although 15 states have taken action to close this loophole, 35 states have not! It is time for ALL states to close it.

Tell your legislators to support Senator Lautenberg's bill (S. 2577) and Rep. Castle's bill (H.R. 96) so that Congress will CLOSE THE GUNSHOW LOOPHOLE nationwide.

TAKE ACTION and MAKE A DIFFERENCE: Type in your zipcode in Congress.org to easily link to your legislators and email/phone them TODAY to tell them to support S. 2577 and H.R. 96.

- **BAD GUYS WITH HIGH-POWERED ASSAULT WEAPONS ARE A THREAT TO OUR POLICE AND THE REST OF US**

What can Americans do about it?

REINSTATE THE ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN AND THE FEDERAL BAN ON HIGH CAPACITY MAGAZINES

The Assault Weapons Ban was allowed to expire by the President and Congress in 2004. Consequently, high-powered guns like semiautomatic AK-47s and Uzis are back on our streets and high-capacity bullet magazines (larger than 10 rounds) are available once again. It was the availability of such magazines that allowed the VA Tech shooter the means to murder so many people so quickly. He used 15-round magazines which became legal when the original Assault Weapons Ban expired in September 2004.

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Dear Protest Supporter and Potential Protest Organizer:

We are protesting today against lax U.S. gun laws. We were compelled to action by the tragic murders committed on the Virginia Tech campus on April 16th – the deadliest shooting rampage in U.S. history.

Six days after the Virginia Tech shootings, 32 of us (representing the 32 victims at Virginia Tech) lay down for several minutes (symbolizing the short amount of time it took the shooter to buy his gun) in front of City Hall in Alexandria, Virginia. Protesters included women from Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Maryland -- mothers, grandmothers, Republicans and Democrats, kindergarten and preschool teachers, 3 hunters' wives, etc. Most of us have never protested a thing in our lives. In this case, however, we are UNITED BY OUR OUTRAGE that

**IT IS TOO EASY TO BUY A GUN IN THE UNITED STATES!
America, we need to change this.**

We want to stop just talking about this problem and DO SOMETHING about it!

IT IS TIME TO PUT COMMON SENSE INTO OUR GUN LAWS!

We hope to inspire like-minded citizens to stage their own protests around the country so that we can influence the public discourse and ultimately the legislative process with regard to this critical national problem. You can pull together friends from schools, religious groups, sports teams and clubs, bridge/poker clubs, book clubs, music groups, bowling groups, etc. to get 32 protesters.

To make it easy for you, you will find what we call a "Protest in a Box" that will guide you through the process of organizing and carrying out an effective protest on our website:

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It is your right as an U.S. citizen to protest something you don't think is right!

Like a relay run, let's spread this protest across the United States from protest group to protest group to carry our message that normal American citizens want to have a say:

CHANGE LAX U.S. GUN LAWS! THERE IS NOT A MOMENT TO LOSE!

DO SOMETHING -- STAGE A PROTEST AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Thank you for thinking about organizing this simple but powerful protest in your community to help draw attention to a very important cause. We hope you will join us in protesting lax U.S. gun laws.

