

TAKE ACTION: Tell Your Representatives to Pass Sensible Gun Laws.

To all Northwest Suburbs Organizing for Action (NWSOFA) Team members:

Our Gun Violence Prevention team is organizing a letter-writing campaign to our U.S. Senators, U.S. congressmen/women and State legislators, on the need for legislation. These lawmakers need to receive as many letters (and weekly calls) as possible from their constituents to show them this issue isn't going away and that there is a large groundswell of support to see legislation passed. We urge you to join us.

We have drafted 2 "sample" letters (attached). You can send one of these letters, modify it, or write your own letter, as long as you tell our legislators why you want gun legislation passed. We also enclose a list of the names, addresses, phone and fax numbers of all the targeted Federal and State lawmakers in our suburban districts . Some State Representatives have links to their websites, where you may post your letter if it's not too long. Some have emails, others include fax #'s , and others must be sent by mail.

Please send copies of your letters to letters@nwsofa.org and post a note on our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/nws4obama/>).

Thanks for your help!

Your Organizing for Action Team

SAMPLE LETTER NO. 1

Date:

Dear Congressman/woman... or Dear Senator.....,

Like so many Americans, I am angry and frustrated that no action is being taken to protect our citizens from gun violence – just talk. We need our legislators to take their oath seriously, to protect the safety of citizens, just as they did after 9/11.

In addition to the most recent tragedies of Sandy Hook and Aurora, approximately 268 people are shot **every single day**. We need to prevent future violence to our children, teachers, and innocent bystanders from criminals and mentally disturbed people.

That is why we need a comprehensive approach to solve this problem. The following are a list of legislative actions we hope to have your LEADERSHIP on, to help stem the tide of gun violence in our country:

- Require a criminal background check for every gun sold in America and expand coverage to private sales and gun shows to insure that all prohibited purchasers are, in fact, prevented from obtaining and possessing firearms;
- Ban assault weapons ban high-capacity ammunition magazines which have no place in civilian life. Police officers are being “outgunned” by criminals.
- Make gun trafficking a federal crime, with real penalties for “straw purchasers” and FUND the ATF, so we can have better enforcement of new laws and ones already on the books;
- Institute a buyback of assault and assault-style weapons;
- Create requirements for trigger locks and safe gun storage;
- Require micro stamping technology on all firearms sold, bought or delivered, in order to improve bullet tracing by law enforcement;
- Fund research and care for persons with mental illness, impulse disorders and substance abuse issues to prevent violence;

The gun lobby tells us that the only way to make us safer is to carry more guns. That is a lie. President Kennedy, President Reagan, and James Brady were surrounded by the U.S. Secret Service, the best-trained professionals in the world, when they were shot.

This is the same conversation we've had for too many years and through too many tragedies. Enough is enough. Now is the time for change and action.

Sincerely,

(Your name)...number and address if you choose to include

SAMPLE LETTER NO. 2

Date:

Dear Congressman or woman ..or Dear Senator,

Like so many Americans, I am sick, angry and frustrated that no action is being taken to protect our citizens from gun violence – just talk. Approximately 268 people are shot ***every single day***. We need to prevent future violence to our children, teachers and innocent bystanders from criminals and mentally disturbed people.

The background check system needs to be improved and expanded to cover private sales and gun shows to insure that all prohibited purchasers are, in fact, prohibited from obtaining and possessing firearms.

Ban “assault weapons” or whatever you want to call them, along with high-capacity ammunition magazines, which have no place in civilian life.

Make gun trafficking a federal crime, with penalties for “straw purchasers”.
Fund research and care for persons with mental illness, impulse disorders and substance abuse issues to prevent violence.

The gun lobby tells us that the only way to make us safer is to carry more guns. It's a lie. President Reagan and James Brady were surrounded by the U.S. Secret Service, the best-trained professionals in the world, when they were shot, as well as President Kennedy who was shot and killed.

Frankly, no one should be killed with firearms in the U.S. No one!! This is the same conversation we've had for too many years and through too many tragedies. Enough is enough. Now is the time for change and action.

Sincerely,

(Your name)...phone number and address if you choose to include)

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR LEGISLATORS

No email contact/message link for these Senators, so please fax or mail letters to: THE HONORABLE (name of senator) using addresses provided. (FYI only: (D) = Democrat (R)=Republican)

IL Senator Fred Crespo (D) 44th District
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Springfield, IL 62706 (44th District)
(217) 782-034 fax: (217) 577-4622

IL Senator Dan Duffy (R) 26th District
105 D Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706
(217)782-8010 fax: (217) 782-0116

IL Senator Keith Farnham (D) 43rd District
249-E Stratton Office Building
Springfield, IL 62706
(217)782-8020 fax: (217)557-4459

IL Senator Michael P. McAuliffe (R) 20th
218-N Stratton Office Building
(217)782-1073 fax: (217)558-1073

IL Senator Matt Murphy (R) 27th District
108 E. Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706
(217)782-4471 fax: (217)782-7818

To access the web page for any senator listed below, hold the control key down and click the senator's name. You may Paste letter in "contact/message" box. Please address your letter to THE HONORABLE SENATOR (name of senator)

Senator Dan Kotowski (D)	33rd Legislative District	217-782-3875
Senator Terry Link (D)	Dem Majority Caucus Whip – 30th Legislative District	217-782-8181
Senator Julie Morrison (D)	29th Legislative District	217-782-3650
Senator John G. Mulroe (D)	10th Legislative District	217-782-1035
Senator Michael Noland (D)	22nd Legislative District	217-782-7746

IL State Reps emails, #'s & Addresses ...Add State /Zip: Springfield, IL 62706

Please Address your letter to: The Honorable (state Rep's name)

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Tammy Duckworth (D-8) (202) 225-3711 or (no fax listed) address: 104 Cannon HOB

Jan Schakowsky (D-9) (202) 226-6890 or 773-506-7100 fax: (202) 226-6890 address: 2367
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U.S. Senators for Illinois: (no emails listed...must fax or mail letters or google contact Durbin or Kirk & try to paste letter in box

The Honorable Dick Durbin

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