

## #DISARMHATE Congressional Clips

Yesterday, House Democrats joined with families and gun violence prevention advocates across the country for a National Day of Action on Common-sense Gun Violence Prevention. In the wake of House Democrats' historic sit-in on the Floor of the House, Americans from every walk of life came together to share their stories and send a message to the GOP Congress: House Republicans must end their reckless obstruction and join with Democrats to take action to **disarm hate**.

[\*New York Times: Democrats Hold Events to Push Congress to Act on Gun Safety Measures\*](#)

[\*USA TODAY: House Democrats take push for gun legislation back to their districts\*](#)

[\*Newsweek: Democrats Rally Communities Around Ending Gun Violence\*](#)

[\*MSNBC: National Day of Action for gun reform\*](#)

[\*Baltimore Sun: House Democrats take push for gun control to home districts\*](#)

[\*VICE News: Democrats push again for gun control laws with Day of Action\*](#)

[\*Roll Call: Democrats Plan Dozens of Events Wednesday to Protest Gun Violence\*](#)

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**Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Congressman Mike Thompson (D-CA), Chair of the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA), Congressman Mike Honda (D-CA), Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-CA), Congressman Brad Sherman (D-CA), and Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-CA) Hold Sit-In to Disarm Hate on National Day of Action on Gun Violence Prevention:**

[\*\*San Francisco Chronicle: Congress members join 300 at antigun sit-in\*\*](#)

Fresh from last week's sit-in on the floor of Congress, seven U.S. representatives brought their call for new gun control laws on Wednesday to the front door of Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, which treats many victims of gun violence.

"No more moments of silence," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-San Francisco, said.

"No more silence."

Pelosi and her colleagues told about 300 supporters that House Republican leaders' offer to schedule a moment of silence for victims of the Orlando massacre instead of scheduling a vote on a bill to ban gun sales to people on the federal no-fly list was "unacceptable." She wondered aloud whether some of her Republican colleagues were "wholly owned subsidiaries" of the National Rifle Association.

It was billed as a "family sit-in" although, this time, none of the members of Congress sat, as they did during last Thursday's House sit-in.

A 'health epidemic'

They stood in the plaza near the hospital's front door, where they were joined by veteran trauma surgeon Peggy Knudson, still dressed in an operating gown. She called gun violence a "public

health epidemic” and said she and her hospital colleagues treat 200 gunshot wound victims annually.

“We need to figure out how to treat this epidemic,” she said.

The members of Congress in San Francisco Wednesday, who also included Reps. Mike Honda of San Jose, Eric Swalwell of Dublin, Jerry McNerney of Stockton and Brad Sherman of Sherman Oaks (Los Angeles County), were joined at the podium by citizens who told of losing family members to gun violence and by Vallejo Police Chief Andrew Bidou, who said he believed in “responsible gun ownership.”

“Congress should pass background checks,” Bidou said. “It’s time, for all our communities’ sake.”

‘We’re going to win’

With so many Democrats eager to have a turn railing against the Republican House leadership, the rally lasted about an hour. Some members of Congress, standing in the afternoon sun, looked like they might have welcomed the chance to sit cross-legged again.

“We’re going to win,” said Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Oakland. “The public is with us. Just give us a vote, Mr. Speaker. Just give us a vote.”

“Some people shouldn’t be able to have guns,” said Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Napa. “Criminals, the dangerous mentally ill or terrorists shouldn’t be able to get them.”

### **Los Angeles Times: After gun control sit-in, California House Democrats bring 'day of action' home to constituents**

Watching the Democrats’ sit-in on the House floor last week filled Mandy Pifer with pride — and the conviction that Congress will act on tougher gun violence laws.

Pifer, whose boyfriend, Shannon Johnson, was killed in the San Bernardino shooting Dec. 2, had the chance to offer her encouragement in person Wednesday at a roundtable discussion on advancing gun control hosted by Southern California House members at Los Angeles City Hall. “Last weekend, I was watching the sit-in in the House. My heart was broken because it’s personal now,” Pifer said at a news conference following the discussion. “But for the first time in a long time, my heart was filled with love and pride, and I’m convinced that my representatives and our representatives aren’t going to stand silent anymore.”

Hundreds of similar stories were told at events around California and the U.S. on Wednesday as House Democrats held a “day of action” to keep attention on efforts to vote on expanded background checks for gun purchasers and to keep those on the FBI’s watch lists from legally purchasing guns...

To the north, at the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco) spoke to supporters on Wednesday along with the Democratic Gun Violence Prevention Task Force Chairman Mike Thompson of St. Helena and other Bay Area House members. Several children sat on the stage holding signs saying, “Disarm Hate.”

“This needs to be people-driven,” Thompson said, urging the audience to contact their elected representatives about expanded background checks. “We need that message delivered to every member of Congress who’s not already standing with us.”

## **ABC7 News: Some Congress Members Using Social Media Pushing For Stricter Gun Laws**

A week after Democrats in congress held a sit-in on the house floor, there was another sit-in and this one including places across the country including San Francisco General Hospital.

Some members of congress are hoping to rally the public in favor of stricter gun laws.

House minority leader Nancy Pelosi led a sit-in that was standing room only, joined by other Bay Area members of congress. "It will save lives, just give us a vote Mr. Speaker, just give us a vote," Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Oakland, said.

Lee was among those who took to social media during the Democrats all-night sit-in at the capitol.

Rep. Eric Swalwell streamed it on Periscope. "I thought: 'You know what? We're already sitting down, why not break another rule and take out Twitter and Facebook Live and Snapchat and invite the American people in,'" he said.

Now, the Democrats want to use social media to help grow a movement.

## **KRON4: Democratic congressional leaders in San Francisco call for vote on gun control bills**

Building on a sit-in staged by House Democrats in the nation's capitol last week, Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and members of the Bay Area congressional delegation on Wednesday gathered in San Francisco to call for House Republicans to allow a vote on gun control bills.

The rally at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital Wednesday afternoon brought Pelosi and U.S. Reps. Barbara Lee, Mike Thompson, Mike Honda and Eric Swalwell together with gun control advocates, gun violence survivors and local leaders as part of a national day of action on gun violence prevention.

The event is one of many held around the country Wednesday calling for a vote on federal bills that would expand background check requirements for gun purchases and prohibit those on the federal "no fly" list from buying guns, according to event organizers.

Pelosi, D-San Francisco, Wednesday said last week's sit-in was held after Democrats were told there would be a "moment of silence" for victims of the Orlando nightclub massacre in the House but no vote on gun control legislation.

"People said no longer shall we have on the floor of the house a moment of silence following a tragedy that is just that, a moment of silence and no action," she said. "Our message to our leadership is, give us a vote. No more silence."

## **Congressman John Lewis (D-GA) Holds Town Hall on Gun Violence Prevention:**

### **Atlanta Journal Constitution: John Lewis wants to extend gun revolt to Georgia**

At center stage was Rep. John Lewis, who orchestrated last week's headline-grabbing sit-in at the U.S. House, and other Democrats pushing for a vote on new gun restrictions as nothing short of a new phase in the civil rights struggle...

"You're on the right side," Lewis told a crowd of hundreds of supporters at a cramped room outside the church, the spiritual home of Martin Luther King Jr.

“We’re not going to take it anymore. We’re going to speak up, speak out and pull and push,” he added. “All across America today there are hundreds of members of Congress doing what we’re doing here. It’s a movement and we’re not going to quit.”

### **AP: Civil rights activist and congressman favors gun control**

Prominent civil rights activist and U.S. Rep. John Lewis is urging voters in his Georgia district to join with House Democrats pushing for stricter gun control.

Lewis got a warm reception from those gathered inside a room at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta on Wednesday. He urged people who support changes to U.S. law on guns to “find a way to get in the way.” Lewis noted the 25 Democrats who held a sit-in on the House floor last week in favor of stronger gun controls following a recent nightclub shooting in Florida that left 49 people dead.

Lewis connected the current struggle to the civil rights movement: He said leaders of the movement were told that civil and voting rights laws could never pass, but they did.

### **TWC News: John Lewis Hosts Gun Violence Town Hall After House Sit-In**

A week after representative John Lewis led a nearly 26-hour sit-in on the house floor, he held a gun violence town hall meeting in Atlanta.

Congressman Lewis was one of the many house Democrats holding such events throughout the country on Wednesday...

“You have to find a way to make a way out of no way. Sometimes you have to find a way to get into trouble, good trouble, necessary trouble. And that's what we did. We cannot afford to be quiet. Not any longer” says Lewis.

**Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Congresswoman Robin Kelly (D-IL), Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), Congressman Danny Davis (D-IL), Congressman Bill Foster (D-IL) and Congressman Mike Quigley (D-IL) Join the National Day of Action; Demonstrate Support for Action to Stop Gun Violence Now:**

### **ABC7: Gun Violence Rally Held in Downtown Chicago**

The effort to end mass shootings ramps up Wednesday. It's the National Day Of Action On Gun Violence Prevention.

In Chicago, people and politicians rallied at Federal Plaza.

Rallies were taking place across the country. They were organized by Democratic lawmakers and all have the same message - to create stricter gun laws.

Dozens staged a sit-in at Federal Plaza Wednesday morning to protest what they're calling outdated, deadly gun laws.

Among the crowd: Democratic U.S. representatives, who last week staged a 26-hour sit-in on the House floor - demanding a vote on legislation to prevent known or suspected terrorists from being able to purchase firearms.

"The funny thing is, the sit-in was a spontaneous, organic event," said Democratic Rep. Mike Quigley. "So we have to continue to be create and keep this groundswell of support to continue."

Democrats are hoping the rallies Wednesday will pressure Republican lawmakers to do something to prevent tragedies, like the massacre in Orlando June 12.

"We are carrying on the fight to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people," said Rep. Robin Kelly.

### **FOX 32: Illinois lawmakers, families of gun violence victims hold rally in Chicago**

Local congressional leaders converged on downtown Chicago Wednesday as part of a nationwide effort to raise public awareness about the current stalemate in Washington over gun reform.

The rally included Chicagoans who have lost children to gun violence...

The "National Day of Action" comes one week after House Democrats held a 24-hour sit in to protest congress's failure to act following the Orlando nightclub massacre.

Chicago Representative Jan Schakowsky called out fellow lawmakers for repeatedly ignoring the proliferation of gun violence that has plagued her district and the nation.

"The House of Representatives has had 27 moments of silence...moments of silence for mass shootings and for the victims and our hearts go out and we say our prayers and then the gavel sounds and it's back to business as usual," Schakowsky said.

**Congressman Xavier Becerra (D-CA), Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA), Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA), Congresswoman Judy Chu (D-CA), Congresswoman Karen Bass (D-CA), Congressman Alan Lowenthal (D-CA) Hold Press Conference Urging Vote on Bills to Prevent Gun Violence:**

### **Los Angeles Times: After gun control sit-in, California House Democrats bring 'day of action' home to constituents**

...After meeting privately with more than a dozen community members, family members of gun violence victims and leaders of the Muslim and LGBT communities Wednesday, House Democratic Caucus Chairman Xavier Becerra demanded a vote.

"America's cities are becoming well known for sorrowful reasons. San Bernardino, Orlando, Charleston, Newtown, Columbine — we must do something, anything that can save even one life," the Los Angeles Democrat said. "Congress owes us a vote, and if you don't give us a vote, Congress, we'll remember it in November."

Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Los Angeles) told the crowd that "right-wing conservatives" are "hiding behind the 2nd Amendment and the Constitution."

"We're asking Paul Ryan to take this up on the floor of the House," she said. "He's spineless, he's gutless, and we want to take this bill up and we're going to stay in this mode, confronting until we get it done."

**Vice Chair Joe Crowley (D-NY) Holds Roundtable on Need for Action to Prevent Gun Violence:**

## **Press Release: On National Day of Action, Vice Chair Crowley Convenes Roundtable on Need for Action to Prevent Gun Violence with Community Experts, Leaders, and Advocates**

Rep. Joe Crowley (D-Queens, the Bronx), Vice Chair of the Democratic Caucus, was joined by gun violence survivors, community and faith leaders, experts, and advocates in a roundtable to discuss the need for action to prevent gun violence. Last week, Crowley joined his colleagues in a historic, 26-hour sit-in on the House Floor to protest Speaker Ryan and House Republicans' refusal to allow a vote on bipartisan legislation to address gun violence. During the sit-in, House Republicans recessed the House of Representatives without bringing gun violence prevention legislation up for a vote.

"From Queens to San Francisco, Americans' outcry for action to prevent gun violence can be heard loud and clear," said Rep. Crowley. "The American people have had enough, and I have too. All we are asking for is to hold a vote on common sense gun violence prevention legislation, yet Speaker Ryan and House Republicans are refusing to do even that. Each year, over 30,000 Americans die from gun violence. This is a life or death issue, and the time for action is now."

## **Congressman Steve Israel (D-NY), Long Island LGBT Community to Hold Gun Violence Roundtable on "National Day of Action," Day After Demanding a Vote on Floor:**

### **Washington Post: House Democrats: Our gun protest isn't going away**

A handful of House Democrats renewed their floor protest of congressional inaction on gun control legislation Tuesday, shouting for recognition through a brief evening session and pledging afterward to continue their efforts to force votes on a "no fly, no buy" gun bill...

"The minority has lots of tools in a toolbox," Israel said. "If Speaker Ryan insists on denying the American people a vote on 'no fly, no buy,' then we will reach into that toolbox and we will continue to avail ourselves of the tools. Some will be blunt. Some will be sharp. ... We're here to put the Republicans on notice — we're not going quietly into the night."

### **Roll Call: Another Gun Protest on the House Floor**

A handful of Democrats attempted to use a brief housekeeping session of the House on Tuesday to draw more attention to the need for Congress to vote on gun control legislation.

..."Shame," Rep. Steve Israel, D-N.Y., shouted after their attempts to get attention were rebuked...

"We will keep this going until we get a vote," Israel said...

### **The Hill: Democrats stage protest during brief House session**

..."If Speaker Ryan believed for a moment that we were going to spend 26 hours on the floor of the House and then go quietly into the night, today is a sign, again, that's not going to happen," Rep. Steve Israel (D-N.Y.) told reporters.

## **Congressman Scott Peters (D-CA) Tours Trauma Center and Calls for Action on Gun Violence at Pride Lighting Ceremony:**

### **[Los Angeles Times: After gun control sit-in, California House Democrats bring 'day of action' home to constituents](#)**

Rep. Scott Peters (D-San Diego) toured UC San Diego Medical Center's trauma center before talking with domestic violence and mental health professionals about how they treat gun violence victims, pointing out how domestic violence, mental health and gun violence can intersect.

### **Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA) Holds Virtual Roundtable as Part of National Day of Action to Prevent Gun Violence:**

### **[Los Angeles Times: After gun control sit-in, California House Democrats bring 'day of action' home to constituents](#)**

...Rep. Doris Matsui (D-Sacramento) also used Facebook Live to speak with constituents early in the day. She later held a video chat with doctors with the UC Davis Health System. Several members used social media to make their case throughout the day.

### **Congressman Bill Pascrell (D-NJ) Holds Press Event and Calls for Action on Gun Control:**

### **[New Jersey Star Ledger: House Democrats shift gun protest to N.J.](#)**

..."I saw one of my colleagues in Congress shot," said Rep. Bill Pascrell Jr. (D-9th Dist.), who plans a press conference in Saddle Brook with public safety officers and gun control advocates. "I saw 20 elementary school children killed in their classroom. I saw churchgoers killed while praying, and now the worst shooting in our nation's history. It's time that we listen to majority of the American people who support common sense gun violence prevention policies."

### **Congresswoman Katherine Clark (D-MA), local leaders team up to demand action on gun violence:**

### **[AP: Congresswoman Katherine Clark is joining state leaders on the steps of the Massachusetts Statehouse to call for tougher gun laws, a week after she helped stage a sit-in with fellow Democrats on the floor of the U.S. House](#)**

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Clark will be joined Thursday by Democratic officials including Attorney General Maura Healey, Congressman Joseph Kennedy, state Senate President Stan Rosenberg and Massachusetts House Speaker Robert DeLeo.

Clark says the goal of the noon event is to underscore what she says is the strong public support for measures like preventing gun sales to suspected extremists.

Democrats are demanding that Republican U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan allow debate and a vote on gun legislation including universal background checks.



Republican leadership has rebuffed those demands.

### **Sudbury Patch: Congresswoman Katherine Clark Joins Boston Rally for Action Against Gun Violence**

One week after Congresswoman Katherine Clark helped organize a sit-in on the floor of the U.S. House to demand a vote on gun control legislation, Clark is teaming up with local leaders to further demand action.

On Thursday, June 30, at noon, Clark will join Massachusetts legislative leaders, local mayors, and advocates to push for gun violence prevention measures on the steps of the State House in Boston.

As part of the Day of Action on Gun Violence, Clark joins Senate President Stan Rosenberg, Speaker Robert DeLeo, Attorney General Maura Healey, Congressman Joseph Kennedy and Sheriff Steven Tompkins. Representatives from gun safety organizations will also be in attendance.

### **Congressman Steve Cohen (D-TN) Hosts Gun Violence Prevention Meeting:**

#### **Memphis Commercial Appeal: Cohen talks gun violence prevention at Memphis event**

Standing up and voicing her concerns was emotional for Tara Thomas, but she needed to be heard.

Thomas, who lost her 22-year-old son to a fatal shooting last year after an automobile accident, made a promise to him that she would stand up against gun violence in Memphis.

She was one of the at least four family members of victims of gun violence who were given a chance to speak Wednesday at a 90-minute gun violence prevention meeting hosted by U.S. Rep. Steve Cohen at the Clifford Davis-Odell Horton Federal Building...

The meeting came just a week after House Democrats began a 26-hour sit-in demanding a vote on stricter laws for purchasing guns. Cohen hosted the meeting on the National Day of Action for gun violence prevention to get a better understanding of local views on Congress' debate and what measures might help prevent gun violence in the city.

"I think we succeeded in what we wanted to do in getting the community engaged and getting some good ideas to share with the city administration, the police and other relevant individuals," Cohen said.

#### **Local Memphis: Rep. Steve Cohen Holds Forum On Gun Violence**

Days after new gun control measures failed in both houses of congress, Congressman Steve Cohen brought several sides of the gun debate in one room for a forum Wednesday afternoon. Rep. Cohen and dozens of others in the U.S. House staged a sit-in last week to demand a vote on tougher gun laws, after similar measures failed in the U.S. Senate following the deadly shooting rampage in Orlando, FL.

Rep. Cohen said the forum succeeded in giving gun control advocates an outlet to offer ideas. The democrat said he was deflated, but not deterred after the sit-in failed to get an up or down vote on a bill which would have banned those on the terrorism watch list from buying a gun.



"90 percent of Republicans in these polls are in favor of these bills, but the Republican congress won't let them come to a vote," says Rep. Cohen.

### **FOX 13: Memphis moms fight for stricter gun laws after shooting death of sons**

Two Memphis mothers are fighting for stricter gun control laws after losing their sons in senseless shootings in 2015...

The mothers attended a town-hall discussion about gun violence prevention, hosted by local U.S. Congressman Steve Cohen.

"There's a lot of action that needs to take place, and the public needs to make their voices heard, and I think they did it today," Cohen said.

Cohen is one of several Democratic law makers hosting meetings about gun control to build support for stricter gun laws in local communities. He was one of several lawmakers who participated in a sit-in at the U.S. Capitol, protesting Republicans refusal to pass gun control legislation after the mass shooting in Orlando, FL.

"It will only happen if a large group of people in America rise up in their districts, and even come to Washington to let the Republicans know they're on the wrong track," Cohen said.

### **CBS Memphis: Lawmakers, leaders and community discuss solutions to gun violence**

Stopping the bloodshed was the goal of a meeting at the federal building downtown to prevent gun violence.

With more than 80 homicides due to guns in Memphis so far this year people there demanded change.

Congressman Steve Cohen hosted the meeting as part of National Day of Action on Gun Violence Prevention...

Congressman Cohen helped organize the event after taking part in a 26-hour sit-in by Democrats earlier this month over gun control laws.

On Wednesday, Cohen looked locally for new ideas.

"I think making at least a second offense a felony of possession of a weapon illegally was a very good idea that came from a mother of a child who was killed," he said.

### **Memphis Flyer: No Answer' on Homicide Spike, Gun Violence**

It's easy to get guns, there are "hundreds and hundreds of thousands" of them in Memphis, and some city leaders had no answer as to why violent crime is on the rise here.

Those are some of the conclusions reached Wednesday during a panel discussion on gun violence in Memphis convened by Rep. Steve Cohen. The panel discussion brought together state, federal, and local leaders to hear Memphians' views on the gun debate in Congress.

Cohen wanted to hear what more could be done on the federal level to help prevent gun violence here.

Cohen noted that recent gun legislation failed in Congress. That legislative push came after a shooter killed 49 people in an Orlando nightclub.

### **WBRC: Community seeks answers for gun violence with public forum**

Local, state, and federal officials gathered to hear from Memphians on how to stop gun violence.

One by one, parents of murdered children stood up.

"I just lost my son two weeks prior to his graduating from high school," Tara Johnson said.

All of them were looking for answers to gun violence at the forum, hosted by U.S. Democratic Congressman Steve Cohen from Memphis.

"What can be done to protect the public from the violence in Memphis?" Cohen asked.

As many found, the question has no easy answer...

Congressman Cohen wants to bring the ideas from the forum back to Washington to come up with some kind of answer.

### **Congressman Hank Johnson (D-GA) Holds Conversation on Reducing Gun Violence in Georgia Office:**

#### **[Atlanta Journal Constitution: Democrats try to keep pressure on guns after last week's sit-in](#)**

It's eerily quiet this week in the House's half of the U.S. Capitol, but Democrats are still trying to make as much noise as possible on gun control while lawmakers are away from Washington.... John Lewis, D-Atlanta, who led last week's sit-in, is holding a town hall on gun violence prevention at 11:30 a.m. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, where Martin Luther King Jr. and his father were pastors.

At the same time today, Democrat Hank Johnson is scheduled to meet in Lithonia with the Georgia chapter of Moms Demand Action, a gun control group.

### **Congressman Mike Doyle (D-PA) Calls for Action to Stop Gun Violence at National Day of Action Event in Pittsburgh:**

#### **[WESA Pittsburgh: Doyle, Democrats Promise Sustained Pressure On Gun Reform](#)**

On the heels of the sit-in staged by Democrats in the House of Representatives last week, one Pennsylvania Congressman took to the steps of Pittsburgh's City-County Building on Wednesday to renew calls for lawmakers to hold a vote on proposed gun reforms.

After the 26-hour sit-in protest on the House floor ended with Republican Speaker Paul Ryan calling a recess, Congressman Mike Doyle (D-PA) said he and other Democrats plan to take up the gun reform issue again when the chamber reconvenes in early July.

Doyle said he still wants Ryan to call for a vote on two bills currently in committee: one that would prevent anyone on the federal "no-fly" list from buying firearms, and another that would institute a universal background check for gun buyers.

Doyle said Ryan has the influence to move the bills out of committee for a full House vote.

"If he refuses to make that commitment for us, well then, you stay tuned, because we're not going to let this go," Doyle said. "We want some action, and we want a vote."

#### **[CBS Local: Doyle Leads Local Rally For Congressional Action On Gun Violence](#)**

If Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan refuses to schedule an up-or-down vote on “No Fly No Buy” for terrorists and universal background checks for gun purchases, another sit-in like that last week in the House is likely.

“If he refuses to make that commitment to us, then you stay tuned because we’re not going to let this go. We want some action, and we want a vote,” said U.S. Rep. Mike Doyle, a Democrat. At a rally at the City-County Building, Doyle got encouragement from a number of citizens to continue the sit-in.

### **Congressman John Larson (D-CT) Hosts Call to Action on Gun Violence Prevention:**

#### **WSHU: On 'Day Of Action' Conn. Democrats Continue Push For Gun Reform**

...Other members of Congress, including Connecticut First District Congressman John Larson, one of the leaders of the sit-in on the floor of the House last week, held similar National Day of Action events.

#### **New York Times: House Democrats Try to Sustain Push for Gun Control**

...the latest push feels like a breakthrough to others. Brandon McGee, a state representative in Connecticut, stood before several dozen people at a forum in Hartford hosted by Representative John Larson, one of the organizers of the sit-in, gesturing enthusiastically as he described what last week’s protest meant to him.

### **Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) and Congressman John Garamendi (D-CA) Host Roundtable with MPD Chief Lanier, and D.C. Victims of Gun Violence to Stress Need for Congress to Pass Universal Background Checks Legislation:**

#### **WJLA: Lanier, Norton join families of gun violence victims in calling for nationwide action**

Families of gun violence victims and gun control advocates joined D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier and Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) in a meeting Wednesday at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library, calling for nationwide action for gun safety.

Lanier and Norton both spoke about how guns from neighboring states are turning up in the district.

"Without a national gun safety law, you can have the strongest gun safety laws in the country and they get immediately undermined," Norton said.

#### **WTOP: People touched by gun violence speak out in DC**

Continuing the efforts of their sit-in on the floor of the House last week calling for more gun control, Democrats declared Wednesday a National Day of Action for Gun Violence Prevention. Events were held around the country, including a roundtable at D.C.’s Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library.

It was organized by D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton and included emotional testimony from people touched by gun violence.

### **AP: Md., DC Democrats continuing push for gun-control laws**

Members of Congress from Maryland and the District of Columbia are continuing their push for gun-control legislation after last week's sit-in on the House floor...

Also Wednesday, Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, a Democrat who represents the District in Congress, will host a discussion on legislation to require background checks for gun-show purchases. She'll be joined by Democratic Congressman John Garamendi of California and Washington Police Chief Cathy Lanier.

The new gun-control efforts by Democrats in Congress were prompted by the mass shooting at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida.

### **Congressman John Garamendi (D-CA) Holds Rally for Gun Violence Prevention with Facebook Live**

#### **Daily Republic: Gun safety rally in Vacaville draws dozens**

More than two dozen people carrying signs, including "Disarm hatred," heard messages Wednesday from Rep. John Garamendi via Facebook and Yolo County Supervisor Don Saylor in person supporting gun safety...

Garamendi was to kickstart the rally with broadcast remarks on Facebook Live, according to the release for the event...

Garamendi's office emailed a statement Wednesday by the congressman.

"I'm a hunter, rancher, gun owner and a supporter of the Second Amendment," the congressman said. "But I also believe that there are some basic things we can do to keep guns out of the hands of people who should not have them."

He said he seeks universal background checks to close loopholes allowing the mentally ill or those with violent and criminal backgrounds to avoid screening and obtain weapons. The other reform is "No Fly, No Buy" legislation to prevent people on terrorist watch lists from legally obtaining firearms, Garamendi said.

"I believe that if our government believes you're too dangerous to be allowed on an airplane, then you're too dangerous to buy a gun," he stated.

### **Congressmen Elijah Cummings (D-MD), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), John Sarbanes (D-MD), and Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD) Hold Day of Action for Gun Violence Prevention:**

#### **Baltimore Sun: House Democrats take push for gun control to home districts**

Hoping to build on the attention they captured with a sit-in on the floor of the House of Representatives last week, Democratic lawmakers in Baltimore and across the country vowed Wednesday to keep pressing Republicans for votes on gun-control legislation but acknowledged that they have not yet developed a strategy to do that.

The lawmakers, who have returned to their districts for the July 4 congressional recess, held news conferences to reiterate demands for votes on legislation that would require tougher background checks and prohibit suspected terrorists from purchasing firearms.

Neither policy is likely to advance, given that similar legislation failed in the Senate this month, but Democrats sense that gun control might be a powerful political issue in this presidential

election year and they are eager to put Republicans on record as opposing ideas that have broad support in national polls.

"Our message is very simple: There will be no more business as usual in the House of Representatives until we have an opportunity to take action on this issue," said Rep. Chris Van Hollen of Montgomery County, who is running for the Maryland Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski. "So long as Congress does not take action in response to the carnage, Congress itself is implicated in that carnage."...

The Baltimore event, staged on the steps of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, the cathedral church of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, also drew Reps. Elijah E. Cummings of Baltimore and C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger and John Sarbanes, both of Baltimore County...

"The speaker of the House called what we did a publicity stunt," Cummings said. "I have a word for Speaker Ryan. Eighty-five percent of Americans have said ... that those who are suspected terrorists should not have guns. Duh."...

Ruppersberger said Ryan was playing "hardball," and took a swing at the GOP's presumptive presidential nominee, Donald Trump, without naming him.

"I'm getting really tired as an American to hear a certain individual keep saying we're going to make America great again," Ruppersberger said. "This problem with respect to people being slaughtered in our streets has got to stop."

### **FOX Baltimore: Democratic lawmakers join others in Baltimore to rally support for gun restrictions**

Maryland's Democratic members of Congress joined faith leaders in Baltimore on Wednesday to urge House Republican leaders to take a vote on gun control legislation.

During a news conference outside a church in Baltimore, members of Congress gathered with Baltimore City Health Commissioner Dr. Leana Wen, gun violence survivors, state legislators and faith leaders.

"When you got over 32,000 people in this country who are dying from gun violence, enough is enough," U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-Md.) told the crowd...

Cummings was one of the Democratic representatives who staged a sit-in last week on the House floor demanding that House Speaker Paul Ryan call for a vote on at least two gun control measures...

Rep. Chris Van Hollen... is sponsoring a bill calling for a national licensing law for those buying handguns...

"Those are the two most obvious things that we need to do, and the things where you get 85-90% of Americans in agreement," said U.S. Rep. John Sarbanes (D-Md.). "But to not even do those things is such a surrender in the face of this gun violence."

### **ABC Baltimore: Maryland House Democrats rally in Baltimore for National Day of Action**

It's hard to imagine the terror of staring down the barrel of a gun, yet the trauma is something tens of thousands of people go through across the country each year...

"At some point we have to say enough is enough, we really do," U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Baltimore, said.

Maryland's House Democrats rallied Wednesday with local gun control advocates and faith leaders to stand-up for action to stop gun violence, saying the mass shooting in Orlando that killed 49 people nearly three weeks ago should be the final straw.

"Moments of silence may make members of Congress feel better about themselves, but they do absolutely nothing to end the gun violence across the country," U.S. Rep. Chris Van Hollen said...

"This was the moment, and this was the issue where it was time to take a stand," U.S. Rep. John Sarbanes said.

"When we're totally shut down we have to do something, and that's what we're doing, we have to stand up for this gun violence issue," U.S. Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger said.

### **CBS Baltimore: Maryland Citizens, Leaders Call For Congressional Action On Gun Control**

Last week, Democrats staged an all-night sit-in on the floor of the U.S. Capitol, demanding a vote on gun control measures in the wake of the deadliest mass shooting in modern history in Orlando.

The 25-hour demonstration got them nowhere with Republicans, and now Maryland lawmakers are making another push, even though Congress is currently in recess.

At another demonstration today at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore, U.S.

Representative Elijah Cummings told a story about his own nephew, who was shot and killed in what is believed to be a botched robbery.

"... some folks busted into his door, we think tried to rob him, blew his brains out, and he died instantly," he said.

Maryland Democrats Chris Van Hollen, Dutch Ruppersberger and John Sarbanes were also among those who joined police and community activists for a call to action.

### **AP: Md., DC Democrats continuing push for gun-control laws**

Members of Congress from Maryland and the District of Columbia are continuing their push for gun-control legislation after last week's sit-in on the House floor...

Maryland Democrats Chris Van Hollen, Elijah Cummings, Dutch Ruppersberger and John Sarbanes will talk about the gun-control measures they support during an appearance Wednesday at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore.

### **Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-NM) Hosts Gun Violence Prevention Rally in Albuquerque:**

#### **KOB4 Albuquerque: Anti-gun violence rally held by congresswoman in Albuquerque**

New Mexico Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham hosted an anti-gun violence rally Wednesday as part of a national day of action.

Many people at the park where the rally was held had been affected by gun violence. Their message to Congress was simple.

"I personally am a mom and a teacher and I see how these lockdowns affect our students," said Cheryl Haase. "If we expect our students to have to crouch in a corner quietly while they're very frightened, I think that our lawmakers can step up and pass some common-sense gun laws."

### **Congressman Jim McGovern (D-MA) Joins Worcester Leaders for Community Rally as Part of National Day of Action to Prevent Gun Violence:**

#### **Telegram Gazette: People call for gun control at Peace Park rally in Worcester**

Hoping to sustain momentum in the push for gun control after the country's latest mass shooting, legislators, city officials and residents turned out for a rally Wednesday night at Our Neighborhood Peace Park.

"No one piece of legislation will solve all our problems," U.S. Rep. James P. McGovern told dozens of people who gathered at the small park at Winslow and Pleasant streets on a balmy summer evening. "But there are sensible things we can do that can save lives."

Wednesday night's gathering was part of a national campaign led by Democratic lawmakers to push for gun control after the Orlando nightclub shooting June 12 that killed 49. Democrats, including Mr. McGovern, have said that in the coming weeks and months they will use alternative strategies to get their message across.

Mr. McGovern was part of a sit-in last week at the Capitol to call attention to what he and other lawmakers have said is the need for reasonable gun control measures.

#### **MassLive: Officials say during Worcester rally that common sense gun laws needed to end senseless violence**

...U.S. Rep. James McGovern, D-Worcester, joined House Democrats during recent a sit-in on the House floor as they demanded a vote on stricter gun laws after the mass shooting inside an Orlando nightclub.

"We are sick and tired of seeing more and more innocent Americans being gunned down in our schools, in our theaters, in our nightclubs and our communities," McGovern said at the rally.

"Enough is enough."

The government needs to take appropriate action to better protect communities, he said.

McGovern said Republicans refuse to debate common sense gun control measures such as having universal background checks and blocking gun sales to people on federal terrorist watch lists and no-fly lists.

#### **Worcester Magazine: McGovern, local leaders hold Peace Park rally to discuss government gridlock on gun control**

Fresh off a sit-in protest in which Democrats in favor of stricter gun control laws tried to force a vote in a U.S. Congress controlled by anti-gun control Republicans, U.S. Rep. Jim McGovern joined with local Worcester leaders to bemoan the current state of American politics around firearms and call for action, part of a National Day of Action to Prevent Gun Violence.

"There's no one piece of legislation" that can prevent all gun violence, McGovern said. "But there are some common sense things we can do that can save lives."



McGovern was the keynote speaker, but a variety of people and politicians representing many organizations and causes attended the rally at Peace Park at the corner of Pleasant and Winslow Streets.

### **Congressman Lloyd Doggett (D-TX) Holds Rallies on National Day of Action for Commonsense Gun Violence Prevention:**

#### **Texas Tribune: Democrats Push for Gun Control in Gun-Friendly Texas**

Looking to capitalize on the news he and other Democrats made in Washington last week with their daylong sit-in on the House floor, U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett returned to his gun-friendly state on Wednesday trying to drum up enthusiasm for gun control.

At a rally in Austin with Mayor Steve Adler and local gun control advocates, Doggett praised the sit-in, which was House Democrats' attempt to force a vote on gun legislation in the wake of the recent mass shooting at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, that killed 49 people.

"Sometimes, in order to stand up, you have to sit down," Doggett said to applause...

...roughly 70 like-minded people joined Doggett at the Austin rally outside the Texas AFL-CIO building on Lavaca Street, holding up signs calling for lawmakers to "disarm hate." One woman wore a shirt with the words "Gun Free UT," the name of an anti-campus carry group at the University Texas at Austin.

#### **News 4 San Antonio: Congressman Doggett meets with gun safety advocates in San Antonio**

U.S. Congressman Lloyd Doggett met with gun safety advocates in San Antonio Wednesday as part of "National Day of Action for Gun Safety."

The groups "Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense" and the "Peace Initiative" met with Doggett to show their support and to discuss how to raise awareness for gun safety legislation.

Representative Doggett, who participated in last week's Democratic sit-in at the House of Representatives, says the day was about empowering people to make change happen.

"Some of these folks have been involved for years in this struggle," said Rep. Lloyd Doggett.

"It's largely been off the agenda. This is about empowering people and telling them that what they're doing really makes a difference."

Representative Doggett says he will continue working to help people fighting for gun safety legislation.

#### **Austin American Statesman: Austin rally calls for tighter gun laws, criticizes GOP inaction**

Dozens of protesters, including U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, rallied Wednesday evening behind the Governor's Mansion on Lavaca Street to call for stricter gun laws.

The rally comes on the heels of a 25-hour sit-in held by House Democrats at the House chamber in Washington, D.C., last week, calling for a tightening of the nation's gun laws...

Doggett expressed frustration with U.S. House Republicans' lack of desire to consider gun control laws.

“When it comes to gun violence, this Congress does what it does best, which is absolutely nothing,” said Doggett, who participated in the sit-in at the House chamber. “We don’t consider any legislation concerning gun violence or gun safety.”

### **KVUE: Dozens gather for Austin gun safety rally**

Democratic lawmakers held rallies across the United States Wednesday during a National Day of Action against gun violence.

In Austin, dozens gathered to ask lawmakers to work together to end the type of tragedy they said they've become accustomed to over the years. It's a situation Susan Nelson knows all too well...

Nelson now works with the non-profit organization Texas Gun Sense. The group co-sponsored Wednesday's rally alongside Congressman Lloyd Doggett. He said he wants to work together with Republicans to find a middle ground and amend our nation's gun laws.

"It's an indefensible position to say that someone who is so dangerous, they can't get on an airplane but they can get all the guns that they want to purchase," said Doggett.

### **KENS5: National Day of Action on Gun Control sparks rally in San Antonio**

...Texas Congressman Lloyd Doggett joined the historic Democratic sit-in one week ago on the house floor.

"NRA means not only National Rifle Association, but in the House, it means 'No Republican Action' because we have had no action," Doggett said.

Doggett added that this national movement has no intention of taking guns away from law-abiding citizens or interfering with the Second Amendment.

### **KSAT 12: Gun control advocates meet in SA to demand change in DC**

Gun control advocates gathered at the Putting An End to Abuse through Community Efforts Initiative offices Wednesday in San Antonio to raise awareness for new gun safety legislation. U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, members of PEACE Initiative and Moms Demand Action got together to talk about gun violence. The event was among many taking place across the country.

### **Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) Holds Gun Violence Prevention Summit:**

#### **ABC 13: Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee Pushes for New Gun Laws**

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee is discussing the need for new gun legislation in the wake of the worst mass shooting in U.S. history in Orlando...

"Americans are losing their lives," Jackson Lee says. "We must pass common-sense responsible gun legislation to reduce gun violence immediately."

The congresswoman is joined by other local officials at the Mickey Leland Federal Building in observation of the National Day of Action on Gun Violence Prevention.

#### **Texas Tribune: Democrats Push for Gun Control in Gun-Friendly Texas**

...In Houston, U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, a Democrat who participated in the sit-in, held what she called a gun violence prevention summit.

## **Congressman Mark Pocan (D-WI), Community Leaders & Local Activists Hold National Day of Action Rally on Gun Violence Prevention:**

### **The Madison Cap Times: Rep. Mark Pocan, Madison Mayor Paul Soglin and community leaders call for action on gun control at downtown rally**

To Jim Nosal and his wife, gun control is an issue that is all too personal. Their daughter, Caroline, was shot earlier this year. Just 24 years old, she was killed at the Metro Mart on Cottage Grove Road in February.

On Wednesday night, Nosal attended a rally at the City-County Building for gun violence prevention. Organized by U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan, community leaders, activists and citizens gathered to express their support for what Pocan called “common sense measures” of gun legislation.

“What my wife and I have been through, I wouldn’t wish that on anyone, so that’s why I’m here,” Nosal said.

Last Wednesday, House Democrats staged a sit-in for almost 26 hours in an attempt to force a vote on gun control legislation following the recent mass shooting in Orlando...

U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan took part in the House sit-in and organized the rally in downtown Madison.

“We’ve decided we’re going to take it to the streets,” Pocan said to the audience.

Over 100 legislators throughout the state staged similar events, including sit-ins in their office, town halls and press conferences. Rep. Pocan thought a rally downtown would be in line with the “spirit of Madison,” said David Kolovson, Pocan’s communications director.

### **WKOW: Madison lawmakers call on Washington to stop gun violence**

Local lawmakers are continuing to plea for politicians in Washington to take action to end gun violence. Wednesday, Representative Mark Pocan held a National Day of Action rally on gun violence on the steps of Madison City Hall...

Still, community leaders and local activists are pressing on. But after House Democrats conducted a sit-in lasting 26 hours on the House floor last week, they won't have another chance at a vote until at least July 5. That's when members of the U.S. House of Representatives are due back in session after their 12 day July 4th holiday.

### **NBC Madison: National Day of Action on gun violence**

U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan, along with community leaders and local activists held a National Day of Action rally on gun violence in downtown Madison, Wednesday evening.

Democratic members of congress across the country took the fight for gun safety to the streets. Last week, Democratic Representatives held a sit-in on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives for an immediate vote for gun control legislation. Republican leaders adjourned the house early for the Fourth of July congressional recess without bringing gun violence prevention bills to the floor.

## **Congressman Alan Lowenthal (D-CA) Holds Community Forum In Long Beach On Gun Violence Prevention:**

### **[Los Angeles Times: After gun control sit-in, California House Democrats bring 'day of action' home to constituents](#)**

...Rep. Alan Lowenthal (D-Long Beach) was scheduled to host a community forum at Long Beach City Hall Plaza on Wednesday night with local gun control advocates.

@RepLowenthal: I will be livestreaming community forum on my Facebook page for those who cannot attend. #NationalDayofGunViolencePrevention #EndGunViolence

### **[Long Beach Post: Congressman Alan Lowenthal to Host Community Meeting Focused on Gun Violence in America Tonight](#)**

After joining congressional colleagues in a historic 26-hour sit-in last week, Congressman Alan Lowenthal will join Mayor Robert Garcia and other advocates for gun violence prevention in a special community forum, hosted tonight at Long Beach City Hall...

Lowenthal, like many other Democratic legislators who protested for a vote before the House adjourned for the Fourth of July recess, gave an impassioned speech on the House floor on the need for gun reform to curb gun violence in the country. He cited the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln before reading Walt Whitman's "O Captain, My Captain," the poet's ode to the death of Lincoln.

"We will be silent no more; we will speak up for America," Lowenthal said after reciting the poem. "We demand action; we demand the bill; we demand that debate."

## **Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ) Brings NJ Community Leaders Together for Gun Violence Roundtable:**

### **[New Jersey Star Ledger: House Democrats shift gun protest to N.J.](#)**

Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman, who helped plan last week's sit-in on the House floor, and Rep. Frank Pallone Jr., who participated in the protest, are among the New Jersey lawmakers continuing their efforts to force a vote on gun safety legislation with events Wednesday while Congress is out of session.

When they ended their protest after almost 26 hours, Democrats said they would continue trying to force a vote on legislation to ban weapons sales to suspected terrorists and to require background checks for those buying guns at shows and online.

Their actions followed the worst mass shooting in U.S. history, the deaths of 49 patrons at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Fla...

Watson Coleman (D-12th Dist.) is meeting with community leaders and gun control advocates in Trenton, part of what House Democrats are calling a "national day of action." Pallone (D-6th Dist.) is inviting constituents to visit him in his New Brunswick office to discuss gun safety legislation. He's calling it a "symbolic sit-in."

Those scheduled to attend Watson Coleman's forum include Trenton Mayor Eric Jackson, Pastor Mark Broach of the Trenton Deliverance Center, Brett Sabo of Moms Demand Action

New Jersey, Azra Baig of the Islamic Society of Central New Jersey and Carole Stiller, NJ Million Mom March Chapters of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.

**Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty (D-CT), Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), Governor Dannel P. Malloy, Gun Violence Survivors, Public Health Experts Hold “National Day of Action” Event to Prevent Gun Violence:**

**WSHU: On 'Day Of Action' Conn. Democrats Continue Push For Gun Reform**

The two women on the Connecticut Congressional Delegation, Democrats Elizabeth Esty and Rosa DeLauro, say they are not giving up on efforts to get the U.S. House of Representatives to vote on gun control legislation. They were speaking at an event on Wednesday at the UConn Medical Center in Farmington, which was organized by Esty to mark a ‘National Day of Action’ to prevent gun violence.

Esty, whose district includes Newtown, says she and fellow members of the House Democratic Caucus are pushing for a vote because they believe many Republican representatives support legislation to prevent people on the government’s No Fly Lists from purchasing weapons. Esty says the problem is the House Republican leadership won’t allow a vote.

“For three and a half years, we have not been allowed a hearing, we have not been allowed a vote, a single vote on a single piece of legislation to address the epidemic of gun violence.”

DeLauro says Democrats, who are the minority in the House, believe the pressure they’ve applied on the majority Republicans since the Orlando mass shooting will yield results.

“The families do not get a break from their grief, so that we are not going to take a break until we get a bill.”

**NBC Connecticut: Lawmakers Call for Gun Control Legislation on National Day of Action**

Today is “National Day of Action” and several officials are holding a news conference to call for action to prevent gun violence.

Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty, Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro and Gov. Dannel P. Malloy will join advocates and public health experts at UConn Health Center in Farmington for a news conference.

They are calling on the U.S. House of Representatives to vote on gun control legislation.

**FOX 61: Elected officials, advocates, gun violence victims gather for National Day of Action**

“We are seeing the American people rise up,” Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty told a crowd at the UConn Health Center in Farmington on Wednesday, where she stood with other elected leaders, advocates and those affected by gun violence to push for stronger gun laws.

Connecticut’s elected leaders have been pushing hard for gun control laws following the terror attack in Orlando. It started with Senator Chris Murphy’s nearly 15-hour filibuster on the Senate floor earlier this month, and the movement continued with the historic Congressional sit-in last week. Still, no vote has passed in Washington, but that hasn’t stopped the leaders from continuing to push.

Wednesday's Day of Action event was a strong showing of support from very different communities, all affected by gun violence.

### **Hartford Courant: Farmington Event Marks National Day Of Action On Gun Reform**

State officials, activists and health professionals gathered at UConn Health on Wednesday to observe a National Day of Action for gun violence prevention. Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, Rep. Elizabeth Esty, D-5th District, and Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-3rd District, spoke about the importance of discussing the issue in Congress and the significant role Connecticut has in the discussion.

### **Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY) and Survivors Sit-in on National Day of Action for Gun Violence Prevention:**

#### **New York Daily News: Gun violence survivors, lawmakers stage 'sit-in' in Manhattan park to call on Congress to stand up to the NRA**

A group of gun violence survivors joined lawmakers in Manhattan Wednesday to call out Congress for laying down to the NRA.

The "sit-in" at Carl Schurz Park on E. 86th St. was led by Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-Manhattan) who demanded that House Speaker Paul Ryan hold a vote on legislation aimed at tightening background checks and preventing terror suspects from buying guns.

"We are here to say, enough is enough! Enough moments of silence," Maloney told her supporters. "We've had 11 moments of silences on the floor of Congress. Yet no votes against gun violence. We want real action. We want votes."

"Enough of the gun lobby telling us that only more guns will stop the bloodshed," Maloney added.

### **Congressman John Yarmuth (D-KY) Holds Gun Violence Prevention Rally & Press Conference in Louisville:**

#### **WDRB: Rally in Louisville to end gun violence coincides with national movement**

A national movement aimed at addressing gun violence made its way to downtown Louisville on Wednesday night.

City and state leaders turned out for a rally to end gun violence led by Congressman John Yarmuth.

That rally, held at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, was part of National Day of Action on Gun Violence Prevention. Similar rallies were held Wednesday in cities all over the country...

Congressman Yarmuth took part in last week's 25-hour protest "sit in" on the House floor. Democrats wanted a vote on bills to strengthen background checks and ban gun sales to people on the government's no-fly list.

#### **WLKY: Rally against gun violence brings community leaders together**

Wednesday's rally against gun violence is part of a National Day of Action.

Similar events are taking place in cities across the country in an effort to keep this issue alive.

Weeks after the deadly attack in Orlando, communities across the country are focusing on gun reform.

"These things are going on every day. It may not be a mass shooting, but it's one, two, three, we just had three people murdered in one incident the other day here," U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth (D-Kentucky) said...

Yarmuth participated in Wednesday's rally in Louisville.

He was one of about 170 lawmakers who staged a sit-in at the U.S. Capitol last week in support of stronger gun laws.

He said the majority of Americans feel the same way.

"It's about a 90/10 issue in terms of common sense gun safety legislation in the country, but the 10 percent are usually louder than the 90 percent, and we're trying to raise the volume of the 90 percent," Yarmuth said.

### **Courier Journal: Fischer calls for local gun control measures**

Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer called for state legislation that would allow local governments to pass gun control measures in an effort to deal with rising murder rates in places like Louisville and other urban areas.

"Here in Kentucky, we need to give cities and counties ... the right to protect their communities," Fischer said at a rally to support gun control legislation organized by U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth. "Cities and counties in Kentucky today are not allowed to pass local laws to deal with violence."...

Dozens of people attended Wednesday's rally, many of them carrying signs that said "Disarm Hate" and "No More Silence," and many of them from the anti-gun group Moms Demand Action. Yarmuth was one of the leaders of the sit-in, which lasted more than 24 hours.

"It's designed to say to the American people, 'Let's all become active and loud, because unless we're active and loud, the people who are trying to stop us from protecting our neighbors are going to prevail,'" said Yarmuth, who urged people to become "one-issue voters" like so many gun rights supporters.

"Since I've been in Congress, the list of mass shootings in this country has grown to be far too long and it's easy to let them roll off your tongue: Aurora, Columbine, Virginia Tech, Charleston, Sandy Hook, Orlando," he said.

**Congressman John Conyers (D-MI), Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (D-MI),  
Congressman Dan Kildee (D-MI), Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence (D-MI), and  
Congressman Sander Levin (D-MI) Host Call to Action on Commonsense Gun Safety  
Legislation:**

### **MLive: Michigan's Congressional Democrats renew calls for gun control in panel discussion**

Last week, the Democrats of Michigan's Congressional delegation were sitting on the floor in the U.S. House chamber, calling for a vote on gun control measures.



On Wednesday afternoon, they were sitting in a crowded room in the Berkley Public Safety Department, surrounded by community members and activists — the location had changed, but the issue at hand and the end goal hadn't.

U.S. Reps. Sandy Levin, D-Royal Oak, Debbie Dingell, D-Dearborn, John Conyers, D-Detroit, Brenda Lawrence, D-Southfield, and Dan Kildee, D-Flint, participated in a panel discussion on the proposals that kicked off a Congressional sit-in on June 22.

Those proposals include "No Fly, No Buy," which would prevent people on the terror watch list from purchasing firearms, and another measure that would expand background checks to include gun show and online purchases.

At the panel, several representatives stressed the spontaneous nature of the U.S. House Democrats' sit-in and the response it generated. Dingell, who gave a passionate speech during the sit-in describing her experiences with gun violence, said Wednesday that she expected the sit-in to last about a half hour. It ended up lasting more than 24 hours.

The conversation brought back a lot of difficult memories, Dingell said, but she hoped it would help keep others from experiencing what she and her family went through.

"I respect the Second Amendment — what we want to do is keep the guns out of the hands of those who shouldn't have them," she said. "If we don't stand up — or sit down — how are we ever going to make a difference?"

Levin said upon leaving the floor following the sit-in, representatives were asked what the next step was, and whether there was a plan in mind. The plan now, he said, is to talk to constituents, get their ideas and encourage supporters to continue grassroots activism...

As for what could happen in the future, the Democratic members of Congress in Michigan seemed hopeful that the aftermath of the Orlando shooting and the sit-in could provoke positive change.

"It's happening now," Conyers said. "How long it will take depends on factors we can't even anticipate."

### **[Detroit Free Press: Michigan's Dems in Congress draw crowd to Berkley gun-violence forum](#)**

Michigan's five Democratic U.S. representatives spoke at a jam-packed event in Berkley on Wednesday to call for stricter laws on gun control, just one week after a high-profile sit-in led by Democrats in Congress and a bitter, escalating public debate over how to handle gun violence. More than 80 people, most of them gun control supporters, crowded into a small conference room at the Berkley Public Safety Department as the Congress members decried the stalled efforts to pass more legislation, yet also expressed some careful optimism.

"The whole purpose of today is to show the strong public interest [in gun legislation] and to stimulate even more," said Rep Sandy Levin of Royal Oak, after the panel. "We highlighted the issue in Washington, now we're trying to highlight the issue here."

The congressional Democrats tried to call attention to two bills, one that would expand the background check process and one that would prevent those on a "no fly" list from buying firearms -- known commonly as the "no fly, no buy" bill.

### **[The Detroit News: Congressional Dems in Michigan press for gun bills](#)**

One week after Democrats staged a sit-in on the U.S. House floor over gun control, five members of the Michigan Congressional delegation continued to press the issue locally with a call to pass stalled gun legislation.

The effort culminated in an hour-long forum with more than 100 people — mostly women — who jammed into a conference room at the Berkley Police Department to support more gun legislation in the wake of high-profile shootings, including the deaths of 49 people in a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida.

The event was hosted by U.S. Reps. John Conyers, D-Detroit, Debbie Dingell, D-Dearborn, Sander Levin, D-Royal Oak, Dan Kildee, D-Flint Township, and Brenda Lawrence, D-Southfield, and featured law enforcement, an imam, a member of Crime Stoppers and several others. While agreeing the Second Amendment right to bear arms was important, common sense gun legislation is paramount to protect lives, they said...

Democrats have been pushing for legislation that would prevent people who are listed on the federal no-fly watch lists for potential terrorism from buying guns, but Republicans have been reticent because they say those on no-fly lists have not been arrested or convicted of crimes and many have been mistakenly placed on those lists.

Levin said the “public pressure to get the leadership in the House to bring those two bills” to a vote must continue.

“That’s what are our aim is. We sat down on the floor. We decided the next step was to come home and really stimulate public opinion, which I think is very clear.”

Kildee said he hopes these meeting sparks more public outcry. But he promised Democrats will “use every tactic we can.”

### **Congressman Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) and Arizona advocates call on Congress to take action to prevent gun violence on National Day of Action:**

#### **Cronkite News: Gallego, advocates renew calls for stricter gun-control measures**

Rep. Ruben Gallego, D-Phoenix, joined Arizona gun-control advocates on a conference call Wednesday to again call for stricter gun laws in the wake of the deadly mass shooting at an Orlando nightclub.

“Each of us are here today to say enough is enough,” said Gallego, who was joined by gun-control advocates and victims of gun violence on the call.

It came more than two weeks after a gunman pledging allegiance to ISIS walked into the Pulse nightclub in Orlando and opened fire, killing 49 people and wounding 53 before being killed by police, ending the largest mass-shooting in the U.S...

“It’s not rocket science, it’s a bill and we take the bill and pass a law,” Gallego said. “What we need is Speaker (Paul) Ryan to support us.”

Gallego said he hopes for action when the House reconvenes Tuesday.

“When Congress returns to Washington, D.C. on July 5, I hope my colleagues will finally step up and listen to the majority of American people who agree that we should take steps to reduce violence in our communities,” he said on the call.

“Americans expect actions, not excuses. We need to act to save lives, honor the victims of gun violence, and keep our fellow Americans safe,” Gallego said.

### **KJZZ: Rep. Ruben Gallego: Americans 'Sick Of All This Gun Violence And No Action'**

Earlier this month, a number of House Democrats took to the floor for a sit-in related to gun control measures. One member who participated is Rep. Ruben Gallego. He represents Arizona's 7th Congressional District, which includes most of central Phoenix and parts of Glendale...

"I think we're hearing from the American public that they're just sick of all this gun violence and no action. We as Democrats are sick of the hypocrisy of our Republican colleagues calling for moments of prayer and silence on the floor with absolutely no action."

Gallego said "sane" legislation exists and includes universal background checks, a prohibition on people on the terrorist watch list purchasing weapons, and a restriction on firearm purchases by people who are mentally ill or have a history of domestic violence.

### **Congressman Brendan Boyle (D-PA) and Congressman Robert Brady (D-PA) Take Part In National Day of Action to Disarm Hate At Philadelphia City Hall:**

#### **Metro US: Philly moms affected by gun violence thank Pa. reps for 'sit-in'**

Two Democratic Pennsylvania congressmen who recently participated in the "sit-in" for gun control legislation in the House of Representatives were honored Wednesday by local moms who have lost loved ones to gun violence.

U.S. Reps. Bob Brady, chair of the Philadelphia Democratic Party, and Brandon Boyle both participated in a 26-hour sit-in in the House of Representatives to demand a vote on gun control legislation in the wake of the mass shooting in an Orlando gay club that killed 49.

"We have kids, women, unborn kids, that are getting shot in schools, in recreation centers, in churches, on the street. How long are we going to keep doing this?" Brady asked. "What do, give them a moment of silence? That's BS. We got to give them more than a moment of silence."

### **Congressman Gregory Meeks (D-NY), Life Camp, and Community Leaders Hold Day of Action to Stress Need To Prevent Gun Violence:**

#### **Press Release: Rep. Meeks, Other Elected Officials, Life Camp, Inc., Community Leaders Hold Day of Action to Stress Need to Prevent Gun Violence**

Following the unprecedented #NoBillNoBreak Sit-In by Democratic members of the House of Representatives, Congressman Gregory W. Meeks, near the site of Saturday's shooting, gathered elected officials and members of the community on the National Day of Action to Prevent Gun Violence:

"Gun violence has affected families in communities all across the United States. Last weekend's shooting, which took place on the corner of Sutphin Blvd. in Queens, NY, reminded us that this is an issue not only in communities far from us, but also right here in our own neighborhood," Congressman Meeks said. "It is time for us—members of the clergy, community leaders, activists, survivors, and elected officials—to come together to eradicate gun violence in

America. We are stronger when we are unified. Though Republican leadership has failed to act in Congress, I will not stop until this problem is resolved.”

### **Congressman Donald Norcross (D-NJ) Participates in Camden County March for Love for National Day of Action Against Gun Violence:**

#### **[New Jersey Star Ledger: House Democrats shift gun protest to N.J.](#)**

...Rep. Donald Norcross (D-1st Dist.) is to join the Camden County Board of Freeholders and others in a rally and march beginning at Jack Curtis Stadium on the Pennsauken side of Cooper River Park...

All six House Democrats from New Jersey, as well as both U.S. senators, Cory Booker and Robert Menendez, participated in the protest.

### **Congresswoman Judy Chu (D-CA) Hosts Day of Action on Gun Violence Prevention:**

#### **[Los Angeles Times: After gun control sit-in, California House Democrats bring 'day of action' home to constituents](#)**

...More than 200 people signed up to attend Monterey Park Rep. Judy Chu's meeting at All Saints Episcopal Church on Wednesday evening to hear from people affected by gun violence, including Josh Stepakoff, who survived the 1999 shooting at the Los Angeles Jewish Community Center, and his mother, Lauren Leib.

### **Congressman David Cicilline (D-RI) and Congressman Jim Langevin (D-RI) Host “No More Silence: A Public Sit-In to Reduce Gun Violence”:**

#### **[Providence Journal: Providence 'Day of Action' on gun control: 'Keep the momentum going'](#)**

Spurred on after last week's dramatic sit-in on the House floor to demand a vote on gun legislation, U.S. Reps. David Cicilline and James Langevin held a local sit-in Wednesday afternoon to "keep the momentum going."

They found company, as more than a hundred people packed into the auditorium at the Public Safety Complex to join them for the hour-long sit-in. Politicians, law enforcement, faith leaders, people who've lost friends and relatives to shootings, and members of gun-control groups sat together on the floor and in the seats.

Cicilline and Langevin have been through this before, calling for action after mass shootings over the years, including Sandy Hook Elementary School, when they were sure that there would finally be support in the Republican majority for national background checks and other gun-safety measures. But nothing changed.

They hope this time is different. House Democrats are demanding to vote on legislation to expand background checks and ban gun sales to those on the terrorist no-fly watch list. Cicilline was one of six members of Congress calling for Wednesday's "National Day of Action" with these sit-ins across the country.

The next move, when they return to Congress July 5, is to be determined. "We're here today to continue this momentum until they hear us loud and clear: We want a vote," Cicilline said. Langevin called last week's sit-in "one of the most impactful and meaningful days in my 16 years" in Congress. "We have to keep the momentum going," Langevin said. "Thoughts and prayers are not enough. We're tired of the silence of the Republican majority."

#### **WPRO: Cicilline, Langevin hold Providence sit-in**

Democratic leaders and gun safety advocates took their protests for better gun control to Rhode Island, by hosting a sit-in at the Providence Safety Complex Wednesday. Congressman David Cicilline and Jim Langevin lead the charge following their 26-hour sit-in in Washington on the same issue last week.

"Colleagues in every part of America are bringing together members of the community to help keep the pressure on to demand action by Congress for these two common sense proposals," Cicilline said at the sit-in.

The two bills that Democrats are pushing for action would require background checks for anyone purchasing a weapon and anyone on the terrorist no-fly list be prohibited from buying a weapon.

"We hope to accomplish keeping the momentum going, the message alive, that our condolences and thoughts and prayers are not enough and we are tired of the silence from the Republican majority and the Speaker of the House," Langevin said.

#### **WPRI: Langevin, Cicilline host public gun violence sit-in**

Members of the Rhode Island Congressional delegation hosted a public sit-in aimed at reducing gun violence at the Providence Public Safety complex Wednesday.

Congressmen David Cicilline and Jim Langevin participated in a National Day of Action, where sit-ins all over the country continued the discussion that took place during last week's 26-hour sit-in on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

"The people to blame are the members of Congress who won't support gun safety legislation," said Rep. Cicilline.

Both Cicilline and Langevin said they want a vote on two specific pieces of legislation.

The first could keep those on the terrorist watch list from getting a gun – and the second would require background checks when someone buys a firearm at a gun show.

"I know that these two bills are not going to solve every incident of gun violence, but it's going to have an impact," said Langevin. "It's going to do something."

#### **NBC 10 News: Democratic lawmakers host gun control sit-in in Providence**

Democratic lawmakers across the country continued their protests for better gun control in a series of local sit-ins Wednesday.

The protests are a part of what's being called a "National Day of Action" to continue the discussion of tough gun control legislation during the congressional summer recess.

U.S. Reps. David Cicilline and Jim Langevin of Rhode Island held a local sit-in at the Providence Public Safety Complex at 3 p.m. The event concluded about an hour later.

### **ABC 6: Rhode Island Congressmen hold gun violence sit-in**

After the historic 26-hour sit-in on the House floor last week, House Democrats are taking their fight to Providence. Rhode Island Congressmen David Cicilline and Jim Langevin were both in Washington for the sit-in and Wednesday, they held another at the Providence Public Safety Complex.

The sit-ins are in an effort to get a vote on gun control legislation.

Wednesday, the congressmen were joined by other city and state leaders, along with dozens of Rhode Islanders, the majority in support of gun control.

The one hour sit-in was a part of what's being called a National Day of Action where House Democrats across the nation hold similar events in their districts.

They are specifically trying to get two gun control bills to the House floor. One has to do with expanding background checks. The other would prevent gun sales to people on terrorist watch lists and no fly lists.

These movements come in the wake of the attack in Orlando, the worst mass shooting in our country's history.

"To not be able to have a debate or vote on it, I think is irresponsible, it's unconscionable and we've just had enough," said Congressman Jim Langevin.

"We stand up in Congress and we have a moment of silence. We devote exactly one minute of doing nothing in response and it's time that we no longer just have moments of silence. That we have moments of sustained action," said Congressman David Cicilline.

### **Congressman Frank Pallone (D-NJ) Holds Sit-In and Conversation on Reducing Gun Violence in New Brunswick**

#### **New Jersey Star Ledger: House Democrats shift gun protest to N.J.**

Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman, who helped plan last week's sit-in on the House floor, and Rep. Frank Pallone Jr., who participated in the protest, are among the New Jersey lawmakers continuing their efforts to force a vote on gun safety legislation with events Wednesday while Congress is out of session...

Watson Coleman (D-12th Dist.) is meeting with community leaders and gun control advocates in Trenton, part of what House Democrats are calling a "national day of action." Pallone (D-6th Dist.) is inviting constituents to visit him in his New Brunswick office to discuss gun safety legislation. He's calling it a "symbolic sit-in."

#### **The Rutgers Daily Targum: Congressman Frank Pallone brings sit-in against gun violence to New Brunswick**

Hoping to recreate the "sit-in" arranged by his fellow Democratic congressmen last week, Rep. Frank Pallone (D-N.J.) invited his constituents to cram into his small office in downtown New Brunswick to discuss gun control.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Washington lawmaker gave his thoughts on the renewed nation-wide debate on gun control legislation, and listened to comments from residents of New Jersey's 6th congressional district, which he has represented since 1993.



“We keep thinking that at some point the magnitude of these mass shootings – not only the fact that they have become more frequent but more widespread in terms of how many people have been killed or shot – that at some point our country would kind of get to a breaking point if you will where the Republican leadership would put up these bills,” he said.

In the wake of the mass shooting in an LGBT nightclub in Orlando, Fla., where 49 people were killed by a single gunman, Democratic officials in the House of Representatives, including Pallone, occupied the chamber’s floor for 25 hours in dissent and demanded that voting take place for gun safety legislation

### **Congressman Ed Perlmutter Holds Telephone Town Hall as Part of “National Day of Action”:**

#### **Press Release: Perlmutter Holds Telephone Town Hall as Part of “National Day of Action”**

U.S. Rep. Ed Perlmutter (CO-07) held a telephone town hall with constituents as part of the National Day of Action for Commonsense Gun Violence Prevention to discuss common sense gun violence prevention measures. Last week, Perlmutter participated in a historic “sit-in” or filibuster with dozens of other Democratic members of the House of Representatives.

Joining Perlmutter on the call were two family members who lost loved ones in mass shootings. Tom Mauser lost his son, Daniel Mauser, in the shooting at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Lakewood Police Officer Dave Hoover lost his nephew, A.J. Boik, during the Aurora Theater shooting on July 20, 2012.

“After having felt these tragedies so close to home and in such a personal way, it is time to take action. Silence is no longer an option,” said Perlmutter. “It shouldn’t take members of Congress holding a protest to get a vote on common sense gun violence prevention measures that are supported by the majority of the American people.”

### **Congressman Stephen Lynch (D-MA), Congresswoman Niki Tsongas (D-MA), Congressman Joe Kennedy (D-MA) Hold Roundtable Discussion on Preventing Gun Violence:**

#### **Lowell Sun: Tsongas joins parents of slain kids in gun-violence roundtable**

U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas and two other Bay State congressmen took part in a roundtable discussion on gun violence at UMass Boston Wednesday, where they heard from over a half dozen parents of children lost to gunfire.

Tsongas, D-Lowell, said she took part in the event along with Rep. Stephen Lynch, D-Boston, and Joe Kennedy, D-Brookline, as an extension of Democrats' sit-in in the House chambers last week that protested the failure to vote on gun-control measures.

"As we left Washington after the sit-in we all committed to a day of action on this Wednesday," Tsongas said...

Tsongas said the group was focused on pushing for votes on measures to ban those on the no-fly list from buying firearms, on closing loopholes in laws regarding background checks, and on allowing the Centers for Disease Control to study the health effects of gun violence.



"It was so very compelling," Tsongas said. "As was their sense of astonishment that there's been no action in Washington despite the accumulation of loss which has been sustained across this country."

Tsongas called on the House to at least hold votes on gun-control measures, even if they're not approved.

"Let's bring this legislation to the floor, and if you don't like it articulate why you're against it," she said. "If it doesn't pass, it doesn't pass, but let's at least vote."

### **Congressman Pete Aguilar (D-CA) Holds Press Conference to Call for Bipartisan Action to End Gun Violence:**

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...Several members used live-streaming to reach out Wednesday as well. Rep. Pete Aguilar (D-Redlands) used Facebook Live to stream a San Bernardino news conference he held with clergy and people affected by gun violence.

Aguilar said Congress should be able to find common-sense reforms that also protect the 2nd Amendment.

Gun control "shouldn't be something that is subject to political theater or rhetoric or party-line talking points," he said.

A woman asked Aguilar afterward what concrete things Democrats expect to get done when the House returns July 5.

"We plan to elevate the discussion and do whatever we can to ensure a vote," Aguilar said.

### **Congressman Marc Veasey (D-TX) Holds Town Hall on Gun Violence Prevention:**

#### **[Press Release: Rep. Veasey Hosts Mobile Town Hall to Talk About Jobs, Economy, and Gun Violence](#)**

Today, Congressman Marc Veasey, TX-33, hosted a mobile town hall to talk and listen to the residents of the DFW Metroplex on what Congress can do to work on their behalf on a host of issues, including jobs and the economy, constituent services, and what legislation can help curb senseless acts of gun violence.

"By openly discussing what Congress can do to end gun violence, I am ensuring that the survivors, families, and friends who have lost loved ones to gun violence are being heard," said Congressman Veasey. "Americans deserve more than inaction by House Republicans."

### **Congresswoman Nita Lowey Holds Roundtable to Discuss Commonsense Gun Violence Prevention Measures:**

#### **[News 12: Rep. Lowey takes part in gun violence roundtable](#)**

Wednesday marked National Day of Action on Gun Violence Prevention, and activists and elected officials gathered to make their voices heard.

Dalia Roshal, a 12-year-old from Hartsdale, was the guest of honor at a high-profile gun violence roundtable discussion Wednesday with U.S. Rep. Nita Lowey and Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul.

A letter from Roshal addressed to Lowey, in which she thanked the congresswoman for participating in last week's sit-in at the House of Representatives, is what landed her a seat at the table.

Lowey last week proposed the "no fly, no buy" provision that would prevent suspected terrorists from buying guns. She says she blamed Republicans in the appropriations committee for blocking the vote from getting onto the floor.

### **Mid-Hudson News: Lowey and Hochul lead roundtable against gun violence**

Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D, NY17) and Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul led a roundtable discussion on Wednesday as part of the National Day of Action to Prevent Gun Violence. They met with advocates for gun violence prevention and women's justice as part of the National Day of Action to Prevent Gun Violence.

Lowey and Hochul said despite New York's "responsible gun laws, we need stronger protections at the federal level to keep guns out of the wrong hands," the women said in a joint statement. Lowey said that is why Lowey joined fellow House Democrats in a sit-in on the House floor last week to protest "the failure" of the House Republican Majority to bring gun safety legislation to a vote.

### **Congresswoman Norma Torres (D-CA) Hosts Roundtable Meeting on Gun Violence**

#### **Press Release: REP. TORRES HOSTS ROUNDTABLE MEETING ON GUN VIOLENCE**

Today, Rep. Norma J. Torres (D-Pomona) convened a roundtable meeting in Pomona with activists, community and religious leaders, and families impacted by gun violence to share ideas for how to address the growing gun violence epidemic. This meeting was part of the National Day of Action on Gun Violence Prevention where House Democrats across the country held events to build on the momentum from last week's historic 26 hour sit-in on the House floor. "Last week, House Democrats took to the House floor, because we were tired of Congress holding moments of silence to express our sympathy and grief after mass shootings, then doing absolutely nothing to prevent another tragedy from happening again," said Torres. "We haven't been allowed to hold a single hearing on this issue, let alone take a vote on common sense, widely-supported legislation. We decided enough is enough."

### **Congressman Jim McDermott (D-WA) and Congressman Adam Smith (D-WA) Hold "National Day of Action" Event to Prevent Gun Violence:**

#### **Media Advisory:**

On Wednesday, June 29, Congressman Jim McDermott (WA-7) and Congressman Adam Smith (WA-9) will join gun violence prevention advocates for a "National Day of Action" community meeting, calling for action to prevent gun violence.

Both Congressman McDermott and Congressman Smith joined their colleagues, led by Congressman John Lewis and Congresswoman Katherine Clark, in a sit-in on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 to call for action on common sense gun reforms. Speaker Ryan adjourned the House on June 23, 2016 without taking any action to address the gun violence crisis that continues to afflict our country. Today, Congressmen McDermott and Smith are taking part in the “National Day of Action” to demand that gun safety legislation finally be allowed a vote by the full House of Representatives.

The time is long past due for action. It is shameful that Republican Leadership has failed to listen to the American people. Speaker Ryan must change course – let us treat gun violence as an urgent public health crisis, and vote to keep weapons out of the hands of dangerous terrorists. We must act now to enact reforms that will reduce gun violence and keep our communities safe.

Lawmakers and community advocates across the country are holding “National Day of Action” events Wednesday to demand Congress act on commonsense gun violence prevention legislation.

### **Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN) Discusses Gun Violence Prevention With Minnesota Moms Demand Action:**

#### **[Press Release: McCollum Discusses Gun Violence Prevention With Minnesota Moms Demand Action](#)**

Congresswoman Betty McCollum (DFL-Minn.) met today with grassroots Minnesota members of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America to discuss the urgent need for Congressional action to prevent gun violence.

Congresswoman McCollum’s meeting was part of the National Day of Action for Commonsense Gun Violence Prevention, during which families and gun violence prevention advocates across the country are holding sit-ins and other events to demand Congress act on gun violence prevention legislation. Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, a part of Everytown for Gun Safety, is a non-partisan movement of Americans demanding reasonable solutions to address our nation’s gun violence epidemic.

“Our historic sit-in on the House floor last week has lifted up the voices of millions of Americans who are demanding action to prevent gun violence,” Congresswoman McCollum said. “I am hearing every day from constituents who are saying enough is enough: we must act to keep our families and communities safe.”