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Dear Friend,

Now is the time for your voice to be heard!

As you know, during the past several weeks courageous Members of Congress took a stand on the floor of both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives demanding a vote on common sense gun safety legislation. The U.S. House of Representatives is currently considering a vote on an expanded background check bill that would help keep firearms out of the hands of dangerous abusers.

**Please ask your Representatives to demand a vote on the expanded background check bill H.R. 1217.**

Domestic violence often escalates and can be deadly. When a gun is present in a domestic violence situation, it increases the risk of homicide by 500%. There are 46% fewer intimate partner homicides in states that require background checks for private handgun sales than in those that do not. This dangerous connection must be addressed.
This bi-partisan background check bill will help keep victims and their families safer. This bill expands the existing background check system, and by closing the current system’s loopholes, the bill will create a more comprehensive system to prevent dangerous abusers’ access to firearms. There is no single law that can end gun violence, but this important measure is a step toward safety and justice.

A number of Members of Congress in the House are advocating for this vote, and we ask you to support them now. **Please click to email your Members of Congress to support this critical bill now.**

Again, thank you for standing with survivors and the public at large each and every time we have called upon you to act. Your voices matter. Victims are safer because of you. Thank you!

For peace and safety,

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