

## COMMON SENSE PROPOSALS FOR GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

- **33 Americans are murdered with guns every day.** The U.S. has one of the highest rates of firearm violence in the world, with 20 times more gun murders than in other high-income countries, when controlling for population.
- Americans are united in the belief that **support for the Second Amendment goes hand in hand with keeping guns out of the hands of criminals and other dangerous people.**
- Our leaders should act now to make it harder for dangerous people to buy guns and easier for police and prosecutors to stop them. A **common sense public safety agenda** includes legislation that will:
  - **Require every gun buyer to pass a criminal background check**
  - **Get military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines off our streets**
  - **Make gun trafficking a federal crime.**
- **Background checks** are the only systematic way to stop felons, domestic abusers, and other dangerous people from buying guns. But federal law only requires background checks for gun sales at licensed dealers. **Almost 6.6 million guns are sold each year in the U.S. by unlicensed ‘private sellers,’ including online and at gun shows,** without the buyer having to pass a background check under federal law.
  - It’s like setting up two lines at the airport – one where you have to go through security and one where you don’t. Which do you think criminals choose?
- **Requiring a criminal background check for every gun sale is common sense,** strongly supported by law enforcement officials and a significant majority of gun owners, including NRA members.
  - **82% of gun owners – including 74% of National Rifle Association members – support requiring criminal background checks for anyone purchasing a gun.**
- **Military-style assault weapons with high-capacity magazines** do not belong in our communities. Designed to kill large numbers of people quickly, they have no appropriate civilian or sporting function. Clear and enforceable legislation will save lives by taking these weapons and magazines off our streets.
- Americans want elected officials who have the courage and independence to stand up to the gun lobby. That kind of leadership is what we need to fix our broken gun laws and reduce the daily toll of gun violence in our country.