



NATIONAL COALITION OF
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Advocacy for Gun Reform

In the wake of our country's most recent heart wrenching, and what could possibly have been avoided, mass loss of lives in California, Texas, and Ohio, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Incorporated, is asking for a dedicated and non-partisan move, through legislation by our US Congress, to help eradicate this issue in our country.

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Incorporated, has advocated for more than 35 years to promote leadership development and gender equity in the areas of health, education and economic empowerment for black woman and girls. The lack of effective and efficient gun control in our country impedes this advocacy process not only for black women and girls but for everyone.

The 2019 USAFacts Annual Report, a non-partisan comprehensive source on government data, tells us that in 2017 firearms were involved in 39,773 deaths in our country with homicide being 36.6 % of those deaths. It also tells us that gun manufacturing has increased substantially (3,040,934 in 1986 and 8, 327,792 in 2017).

In today's society it appears that gun violence is entwined with the ability of our citizens to pursue what the forefathers of this country expressed when they placed pen to paper in writing that "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." George Washington wrote, in 1796, "The basis of our political systems is the right of the people to make and to alter their Constitutions of Government." Let's be steadfast in charging our elected officials, regardless of party, to pay homage to these words to protect us all by legislating rules and regulations that are not self-serving. Let's charge them to not place weapons in the hands of those who do not have the care, willingness or capacity to do no harm.

Please join the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Incorporated in our Call to Action by contacting your State or Federal elected officials to express your concerns regarding Gun Reform.

Respectfully,

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