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From: Gerry Gibbs <gerry@cignj.com>
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 8:46 PM
To: Braz, Justin
Subject: Everytown for Gun Safety Inquiry

Justin as a follow up to our text discussion please see below from Everytown. Btw they endorsed the Governor during General Election during the Summer. In short the lead attorney's at Everytown would like to work with the AG's office on the legal challenge if the feds pass this law.

Gov. Murphy talking about being ready to challenge CCR in court if it passes. That would be a NJ AG effort. Could we set up a conversation with the NJ AG to discuss that? Thanks.

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 - o "Gov. Phil Murphy on Friday said his administration will reverse a regulatory change championed by former Gov. Chris Christie that made it somewhat easier for people to carry concealed handguns in New Jersey. Murphy, a Democrat, also pledged to "explore every legal option" to challenge concealed carry reciprocity should that policy become federal law. The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill in December that would require New Jersey to honor concealed carry permits from other states, but its fate in the Senate is less certain."



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From: Mehta, Kirtan
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 11:02 AM
To: Frangione, Kathleen
Cc: Gunaratna, Mahen
Subject: Fwd: New Jersey Moms Demand Action, Everytown Applaud Governor Murphy's 2019 Budget Prioritizing Gun Violence Research

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From: Kelly Adams <kadams@everytown.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 9:13:18 AM
To: Cooper, Tai; Mehta, Kirtan
Cc: Gerry Gibbs; Paul Crupi; Darren Peters; Shenika Munasinghe
Subject: Fwd: New Jersey Moms Demand Action, Everytown Applaud Governor Murphy's 2019 Budget Prioritizing Gun Violence Research

We issued the following statement of support. Thanks for all that you do!

Kelly Adams, Associate Regional Director for State Affairs

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Date: Mar 15, 2018 8:33 AM

Subject: New Jersey Moms Demand Action, Everytown Applaud Governor Murphy's 2019 Budget Prioritizing Gun Violence Research

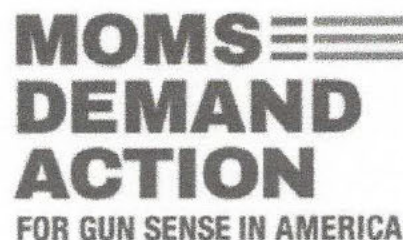
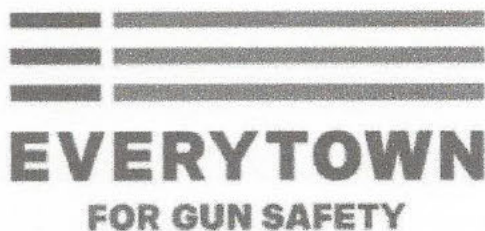
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March 15, 2018

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**NEW JERSEY MOMS DEMAND ACTION, EVERYTOWN APPLAUD
GOVERNOR MURPHY'S 2019 BUDGET PRIORITIZING GUN
VIOLENCE RESEARCH**

*Governor Phil Murphy Announced \$2 Million Will Go Towards Gun Violence
Research in His 2019 Fiscal Year Budget Address*

TRENTON, N.J.— The New Jersey chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, part of Everytown for Gun Safety, today applauded Governor Murphy's announcement that he will provide \$2 million to establish a Gun Violence Research Center. The center will be based at one of New Jersey's state colleges or universities.

For more than twenty years, federal law has severely limited research into our nation's gun violence epidemic—a public health crisis that claims the lives of 96 Americans each and every day. Research into the causes of and ways to prevent deaths caused by smoking, heart disease and other public health emergencies has saved millions of lives. But due to pressure from the gun lobby, the federal government has failed to conduct or fund gun violence prevention research.

**STATEMENT FROM BRETT SABO, VOLUNTEER LEADER WITH THE
NEW JERSEY CHAPTER OF MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN
SENSE IN AMERICA:**

“We are thrilled Governor Murphy prioritized public safety in his budget for next year, and that he will continue New Jersey's legacy as a leader on gun violence prevention. We know that gun violence is a preventable public health crisis and that we need to study it further in order to develop evidence-based policies to prevent it. Whether by helping to form the States for Gun Safety coalition or funding a gun violence research center, it is clear that Governor Murphy is a gun sense champion and is dedicated to protecting New Jersey families.”

About Everytown for Gun Safety

Everytown is the largest gun violence prevention organization in the country with more than 4.5 million supporters and more than 250,000 donors including moms, mayors, survivors and everyday Americans who are fighting for public safety measures that respect the Second Amendment and help save lives. At the core of Everytown are Mayors Against Illegal Guns, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and the Everytown Survivor Network. Learn more at www.everytown.org and follow us @Everytown

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America is a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that respect the Second Amendment and protect people from gun violence. Moms Demand Action campaigns for new and stronger solutions to lax gun laws and loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our children and families. Since its inception after the tragedy at Sandy Hook School, Moms Demand Action has established a chapter in every state of the country and, along with Mayors Against Illegal Guns and the Everytown Survivor Network, it is part of Everytown for Gun Safety, the largest gun violence prevention organization in the country with 4.5 million supporters and more than 250,000 donors. For more information or to get involved visit www.momsdemandaction.org. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MomsDemandAction or on Twitter at @MomsDemand

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Cc: Terry Pratt; 'Simons, Nicholas'; Joseph Popcun; Jim Malatras (Rock. Institute)
Subject: First Policy Brief
Attachments: 5-21-18 Mass Shootings Brief.pdf — Attachment (Page 1 of 16 follows)

Greetings Everyone,

Attached please find the Gun Violence Research Consortium's inaugural policy brief: *Can Mass Shootings Be Stopped?*, by Dr. Jacklyn Schildkraut, Dr. Margaret K. Formica and Dr. Jim Malatras. This is the first of what we hope are many new research collaborations relating to gun violence. This brief will be released tomorrow morning.

We encourage you to share this among your colleagues and through your various networks to raise awareness, not only of this issue, but of the consortium and the work being done by our many partners. Successfully amplifying this work will be critical to advancing the work of the consortium.

Kimberley Hildreth from my office will be reaching out to schedule a time for a conference call to discuss future collaborations. Hopefully this call will take place later this week or early next week.

In the meantime, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thanks again everyone and I look forward to working together.

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POLICY BRIEF

Can Mass Shootings be Stopped?

To Address the Problem, We
Must Better Understand the
Phenomenon

May 21, 2018

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From: Paul Crupi <Paul@cignj.com>
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2019 9:59 AM
To: Braz, Justin
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Question regarding roundtable event tomorrow?

Hi Justin,

Good to see you last week at the Bayada/HomeCare Assoc. meeting. I have a quick question for you that I'm trying to track down – would you know if the Governor and/or lawmakers are doing a roundtable discussion tomorrow on gun safety? We rep Everytown for Gun Safety and we heard through the grapevine that there may be some kind of discussion tomorrow but I can't find any details on that.

Anything you may be able to tell me would be much appreciated. Thanks!

Paul

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From: Brett Sabo <newjersey@momschapterleaders.org>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2019 3:11 PM
To: Gruenberg, Carly
Cc: William Castner; Cornavaca, Deborah; Leslie Beliveau; Reba Holley
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

Hi Carly,

I just wanted to check in and see if you had any ideas for National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Also, Moms Demand Action is having an Advocacy Day on June 27. Last year we were able to get a committee room to use as our home base. We'd love to be able to do that again. Is that something you can help me out with, or point me in the right direction. Bill was able to get it for us last year.

Thanks so much and hope all is well!

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On Thu, Mar 14, 2019 at 2:48 PM Gruenberg, Carly <Carly.Gruenberg@nj.gov> wrote:

Hi Brett,

Thanks for reaching out! I've included Deb on here for her input.

For the capitol dome, I'm assuming that would need to go through the legislature—but we would have to do more research on that. Let me ask around a bit.

Best,

Carly

From: Brett Sabo [<mailto:newjersey@momschapterleaders.org>]

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 2:35 PM

To: Gruenberg, Carly <Carly.Gruenberg@nj.gov>; William Castner <williamcastner@castnerlaw.us>

Cc: Leslie Beliveau <lbeliveau@everytown.org>; Reba Holley <mercermomslead@gmail.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

Hi there,

I wanted to reach out about possibilities around National Gun Violence Awareness Day and our Wear Orange campaign. Do you think it would be possible to have the governor sign a proclamation recognizing this?

Another part of the recognition is lighting buildings, monuments and bridges orange. Last year included the Empire State Building, the Ben Franklin Bridge and Coit Tower. We'd love it if we could figure out a way to light the capitol dome orange. I believe last year it was under construction.

Carly, please let me know if there's someone else I should contact. Feel free to give me a call with your thoughts.

Thanks so much,

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From: Sam Levy <slevy@everytown.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 11:22 AM
To: [REDACTED] Dews, Justin
Cc: Nick Suplina; Jacqui Pitt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 1-pager
Attachments: NJ Exec 1-Pager for Castner.pdf

Good morning Bill and Justin,

As discussed last week, attached are the top lines of our two executive action proposals. We also have a long-form write up we can share if it's helpful, which we can discuss when we talk at noon.

Speak to you soon,

Sam

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Proposed New Jersey GVP Executive Actions

Disarming Prohibited Persons: New Jersey should keep its communities safe and enforce its laws creating a searchable database of existing firearms records, turning them into a life-saving tool to disarm prohibited persons. As outlined below, this system would empower the state to act before an illegal gun in the possession of an ineligible individual can be used to kill or injure someone.

Step 1: Create a centralized database of firearm transfer and permit records

- Compile current records--completed handgun purchase permits and previously issued purchase permits and firearm owner identification cards--to create a searchable database.
- This system would *not* actively monitor all gun owners, the vast majority of whom are law-abiding and responsible, but rather would alert authorities when a prohibiting event occurs.

Step 2: Alert authorities of prohibiting events by utilizing information-sharing systems

- State agencies report disqualifying events such as criminal convictions, mental health adjudications, and the issuance of domestic violence restraining orders or extreme risk protective orders to the State Police so they can be checked against the database.
- If the identity of a newly-prohibited individual matches the identity of a firearm owner or permit holder, the system would generate an alert.

Step 3: Remove Illegal Guns from Ineligible Owners

- State Police, working in conjunction with local law enforcement where appropriate, would initiate an investigation and removal process to ensure the newly-prohibited person is disarmed, which may include opportunities for voluntarily relinquishment, consent searches, searches through parole or probation, and the execution of search warrants.

Using Procurement Powers to Prevent Gun Violence: New Jersey should institute the nation's first state-wide requirement that financial institutions competing to underwrite state and municipal bonds comply with a firearms code of conduct.

State-wide policy governing the selection of financial institutions and advisors for bond offerings permits agencies to (1) seek information on a wide range of topics when assessing bids, and (2) require certification of compliance with state law and policy. Disclosure and certification processes can be established by the Governor by executive order. To incentivize responsible gun distribution and sales practices, New Jersey should begin by seeking information from potential underwriters in all negotiated bond tender processes, and graduate to a system requiring all bond underwriters to certify compliance with the state's code of conduct.

Step 1: Require disclosure of firearm safety policies in bond underwriting bids

- As a first step, New Jersey could add a question seeking information about bidders' policies and practices to promote gun safety among their gun manufacturer, distributor, and retail clients to all Requests for Proposals to underwrite state or municipal bonds.

Step 2: Require certification of compliance with a Code of Conduct for Financial Institutions

- New Jersey should create the nation's first state-wide firearms Code of Conduct for Financial Institutions, and require certification of compliance by bond underwriters.
- This code of conduct could leverage existing practices and standards, such as Everytown's Code of Conduct Policies and existing policies of major banks including Citi and Bank of America.

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From: Platkin, Matthew
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 4:18 PM
To: Brett Sabo; William Castner
Cc: O'Brien, MaryAnn
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Introduction

Thank you, Theresa! And apologies for the confusion. I look forward to connecting. I am copying MaryAnn to this email. Thanks again!

From: Brett Sabo <newjersey@momschapterleaders.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 4:07 PM
To: William Castner <williamcastner@castnerlaw.us>
Cc: Platkin, Matthew <Matthew.Platkin@nj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Introduction

Good afternoon Bill --

Just FYI, Brett no longer has access to this email address, as it's assigned by Everytown to whichever person (people in this case) holds the position of NJ Chapter Lead. So Shani Nuckols and I have ownership of this email address now that we've officially taken over. (In your contacts you may want to change Brett's name to ours.) Brett will now be serving as our City Gun Violence Lead, and her new email address is brettsabo.NJMoms@gmail.com.

Now that the "housekeeping" is done, I want to let you know, again, how much we appreciate all you've done these past two years in advancing Governor Murphy's commitment to gun violence prevention in NJ. As you saw at the press conference (and at last year's Advocacy Day) you were (and are) a rock star to us!

That being said, we are really happy to hear that Matt will be taking the helm! Shani and I are looking forward to meeting with you and Matt to talk about the Governor's gun violence prevention agenda for 2020, and how we can support any efforts on this front.

I'll connect with MaryAnn to set up a meeting, and will loop Brett in as well. Thanks again, Bill!

Theresa

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On Wed, Feb 5, 2020 at 11:56 AM William Castner <williamcastner@castnerlaw.us> wrote:

Matt, as promised I wanted to introduce you to Brett Sabo who will soon be stepping down as Leader for the New Jersey chapter of Moms Demand Action. Governor Murphy could not have a smarter, more dedicated and passionate ally than Brett. Brett is an amazing leader, has been front and center around all our GVP work on behalf of MDA, and has led her troops to support us in the State House and beyond every step of the way. She is a friend.

Brett, as you know Matt is the Governor's Chief Counsel, was the architect of then candidate-Murphy's gun safety platform, ensured the Governor came out of the gate on GVP in a meaningful way, has driven the Governor's GVP agenda at the highest levels, and will be focusing even more on guns this year which is great news for New Jersey.

Matt suggested that an in-person meeting would be beneficial. Brett, I defer to you whether you want to bring your successors Theresa and Shani, or whether that makes sense to do that introduction at a subsequent meeting. Matt, I know one topic Moms continue to seek help on is the so-called 2d Amendment sanctuary city issue.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help facilitate a meeting. Many thanks to you both, Bill C

Sent from my iPad

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From: Platkin, Matthew
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 8:26 PM
To: Moms Demand Action New Jersey
Cc: Beliveau Leslie
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Thank You

Theresa and Shani,

Thank you so much. It was great to meet you. I will follow up with you on the below as soon as I have more information. Please feel free to reach out anytime. I look forward to working with you.

Best,
Matt

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Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 2:21:54 PM
To: Platkin, Matthew <Matthew.Platkin@nj.gov>
Cc: Beliveau Leslie <LBeliveau@everytown.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Thank You

Dear Matt —

Shani and I want to thank you for taking the time out of your day yesterday to meet with us — you were obviously juggling a lot amidst this coronavirus crisis, so we really appreciate you switching gears to have a conversation about gun violence prevention and ways we can work together going forward.

I know we touched upon a lot of different things, so I just wanted to jot them down here so we can follow up as needed.

- **Inaugural States for Gun Safety Summit:** We are really excited to hear that even more states may participate in this summit. We're hoping to get as many NJ Moms leads there as possible — from what we saw from the proposed agenda from Deborah, it will be a great opportunity for our volunteers to learn about violence intervention programs, GVP strategies for law enforcement, and how states can cooperate to share best practices to combat gun violence. We look forward to hearing the new date for this event (which you said may be in May I believe).

- **Pending Legislation** — We'll continue to keep a close watch on any of our priority gun bills moving in the legislature. It would be great if you could keep us in the loop if you hear about any movement on these bills so we can rally our troops and possibly provide testimony.
- **Second Amendment Sanctuary Movement** — We're thankful that General Grewal issued his statement to county prosecutors about enforcing our state firearms laws in the midst of this movement. Our volunteers are using this as an opportunity to educate the public about the misleading nature of these resolutions, and how NJ gun laws like Red Flag laws keep us safe and save lives.
- **HVIPs** — We look forward to hearing how we can support and promote these programs as they begin to be implemented.
- **NJ Advocacy Day** — We're evaluating how to move forward with this year's Advocacy Day in light of both uncertainty about the coronavirus pandemic, and where bills we may want to advocate for stand in the legislature in June. What are your thoughts about that — do you think the gun bills that are pending will be passed by mid June? In that case, we would consider holding an event in September focused on elections work.
- **The Troy A4 "Other Firearm"** — We're concerned about this firearm that is being promoted by the NJ 2A Society. Is this legal in NJ? <https://techopsinternational.com/troy-a4-other-firearm/>

Again, it was great meeting you yesterday Matt, and we both look forward to working with you on our shared mission of keeping NJ safe from gun violence!

Best,

Theresa (and Shani)

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From: Theresa Turner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 10:14 AM
To: Platkin, Matthew
Cc: Nuckols Shani; Beliveau Leslie
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Gun Sales

Hi Matt—

Hope all is well with you and you're staying healthy.

I'm writing because, as you probably know, there has been a surge in gun sales and ammunition in New Jersey— and many of them are first time buyers. <https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/coronavirus/2020/03/18/nj-coronavirus-guns-and-ammo-flying-shelves-nj-gun-shops/5066960002/>

I'm just wondering if anyone in your office or the AG's office is concerned about this. Aside from the obvious problems of more guns in our state and the backlog at NICS, it seems that the stores are nonessential and yet are staying open with lines of people inside and out, which could potentially spread the virus.

I'd appreciate any guidance or statement on this, because many of our supporters are also concerned.

Thanks,
Theresa

Theresa Turner

New Jersey State Chapter Co-Lead

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Mike Burlew

So if I'm reading this correctly 1100 people today alone in the State of New Jersey trying to get a firearm?

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From: Theresa Turner [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Platkin, Matthew
Cc: Nuckols Shani
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rutgers Center on Gun Violence Research

Hello Matt —

I'm just wondering if you know anything about the Rutgers Center shutting down. I received a message from Dr. Stephanie Bonne telling me that it was shuttered due to lack of funding. Can you confirm this? It would be such a shame, since they were doing such great research on GVP.

Thanks,

Theresa

Theresa Turner

New Jersey State Chapter Co-Lead

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From: Paul Crupi <Paul@cignj.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:13 PM
To: Platkin, Matthew
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Public input to play key role in updating New Jersey's use-of-force policies

Hi Matt,

I hope all is well... regarding the below, Everytown for Gun Safety is trying to position itself as an advocate for police reforms. They will be participating in the AG's listening session, but I was wondering if there is an opportunity for them to be a little bit more engaged with the administration's efforts here. They are ready to provide whatever assistance or resources they can. Please let me know.

Thanks,
Paul

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Public input to play key role in updating New Jersey's use-of-force policies

By Samantha Maldonado

06/12/2020 02:07 PM EDT

Public engagement will play a key role in revamping New Jersey's use-of-force policy, said Attorney General Gurbir Grewal Friday.

"The Use of Force Policy affects everyone, and so everyone should have the opportunity to weigh in on its revisions," said Grewal in a statement. "We especially want to hear from those that have had negative experiences with law enforcement officers because we are committed to getting this right."

Grewal and Gov. Phil Murphy earlier this month said they'd revise the policy by the end of the year. They also announced a suite of other [law enforcement reforms](#) as part of the "Excellence in Policing" initiative launched late last year to foster increased accountability, transparency and professionalism in law enforcement.

Updates to the policy will be the first in two decades and will "reflect the values of today," Grewal has said.

New statewide efforts for law enforcement reforms come as residents across the country take to the streets to protest police brutality in the wake of the death of George Floyd at the hands of police in Minneapolis.

New Jersey lawmakers in the past weeks have also introduced multiple measures they say will create lasting change in the way police operate.

Topics for consideration during the use-of-force policy revision process include training and reporting requirements, how to engage with individuals with mental illness, the use of less-than-lethal force and when an officer should intervene if a colleague uses excessive force.

The public can express their thoughts on how the policy should be revised by submitting comments through an online portal until August and by speaking out during community listening sessions that will be held in all 21 counties.

Grewal will kick off the listening sessions with an online event later this month.

In addition to public input, data from an expanded use-of-force database — to be rolled out in July — will help inform the policy updates.

To view online:

<https://subscriber.politicopro.com/states/new-jersey/story/2020/06/12/public-input-to-play-a-key-role-in-new-jerseys-use-of-force-policy-updates-1292815>