
Re: Giffords release on 2018 legislative session

1 message

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Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 5:43 PM

To: "Zamostny, Nicky" <nicky.zamostny@governor.virginia.gov>

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On Mar 30, 2018, at 3:07 PM, Zamostny, Nicky <nicky.zamostny@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:

Robin,

Thanks for sending! Looking forward to reading through this. I meant to ask this earlier- do you know which group/groups were involved in writing the Florida law? It was pretty extensive and we're curious.

Thanks,

Nicky

On Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 2:52 PM, Robin Lloyd <rloyd@giffords.org> wrote:

Hi Nicky - This is all exciting. I'm out next week, but Nico, cc'd here, will be back in the office. In the meantime, I wanted to pass along two things that may be helpful to you.

The first is the Giffords model law for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO). This document walks through the key provisions that we think any legislation should include. Each ERPO is ideally modeled after that state's DV protective order process, and I believe that the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence has been working with folks in the legislature to put together some language. We would be happy to work with you all, in conjunction with CSGV, to draft or review language that would make sense for VA. I think your initial thoughts on the Connecticut risk warrant are right. The CT model was the first law of this type and it has provided us some valuable data, but since then there has been a lot of work to further develop and implement a more comprehensive law which is reflected in the model.

The second document I'm attaching is the Giffords model law for gun violence research centers. While the model law is fairly straightforward, I do think this would require an additional conversation with you. We've been talking to a number of states (Oregon, New Mexico, New York, Washington) about establishing their own centers - usually at one of the state universities - and making sure that these centers are following the same set of standards that would ideally allow for the data to be shared among the different centers. Right now, only California at UC-Davis has a dedicated center and this model law takes their practices into account. We want to strike a balance to make sure that this research is happening in various parts of the country with researchers taking the lead, but we also want to ensure that this research will be useful and effective for future collaboration. Legislation could be written to establish a center, or you could put language into a line item in the budget.

Again, happy to chat through any and all of these as you work though where you go from here. Let us know and have a great weekend.

Robin

On Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 1:16 PM, Zamostny, Nicky <nicky.zamostny@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:

Hey Robin,

Thanks for reaching out! We are definitely staying busy wrapping up session and also dealing with the recent shootings as I'm sure you all are as well. Appreciate you all sending the release over- I enjoyed reading it even though it reminded me of how frustrating the session was.

We are actually starting to shift into our post-session phase of reviewing everything we worked on and developing a path forward. We will absolutely be engaging you all once we have a better idea of what we will be looking at.

In the meantime, we have participated in a couple of calls through the National Governor's Association and have been doing a lot of research on risk-based gun laws. Florida's passage of a comprehensive gun violence prevention bill was extremely encouraging and we're trying to learn as much as we can so we can get a Virginia bill in the best possible posture.

We had a long call with Connecticut this week and heard about how they have implemented their law and how they have addressed officer-safety concerns related to seizing firearms from individuals exhibiting dangerous behaviors as well as storage. In speaking with them, we realized that their law is really more specific to mental health crises and less specific to general dangerous behaviors. Furthermore, they have a firearms registry in Connecticut and universal background checks which allow them to easily determine whether a person has a firearm in their possession. Needless to say, I think we still have a lot of research ahead of us to identify best practices and certainly welcome your feedback.

Additionally, we would like to get a better understanding of whether other states are engaging in gun violence research from a public health perspective. If so, we are interested in learning more about how they are managing that process, how they are funding it, etc. We are also wondering if there are any examples of multi-state collaborations on gun violence research initiatives. Any information you may have on those topics would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks again for reaching out and we appreciate any feedback or guidance you may have on some of these topics. We have always enjoyed working with the Giffords team and look forward to continuing that partnership in the coming years.

Best,

Nicky

On Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 10:36 AM, Robin Lloyd <rlloyd@giffords.org> wrote:

Hi Nicky - How are you doing? I imagine you guys are staying busy! Hope all is going well.

I wanted to give you a heads up that we put out this [release](#) yesterday slamming the Republicans in the legislature for not moving legislation that would gun violence in the 2018 legislative session. I flagged for the Governor's office as well.

I saw Governor Northam at an event Wednesday night and he mentioned that he and Secretary Moran wanted to get everyone on the same page about where we go from here on guns. Of course we'd love to participate in those conversations as they happen - keep us updated and let us know how we can be helpful.

Thanks -
Robin

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Re: Giffords, The Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence, and the Alliance for Gun Responsibility Announce Extreme Risk Law Toolkit

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Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 5:24 PM

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On Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 4:21 PM Nicky Zamostny <nicky.zamostny@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:

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From: Nico Bocour <nbocour@giffords.org>

Date: Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 3:23 PM

Subject: Giffords, The Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence, and the Alliance for Gun Responsibility Announce Extreme Risk Law Toolkit

To:

Hi all,

I wanted to share an exciting new resource with you all. Giffords, along with The Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence and the Alliance for Gun Responsibility have put together a comprehensive toolkit on Extreme Risk Laws, which includes information on everything, from how to draft a Extreme Risk Law bill to what we know on implementation so far.

We hope the Toolkit will be a practical resource for advocates and legislators alike as we continue to work together to enact and implement Extreme Risk Laws across the country.

Here is our [Extreme Risk Law Toolkit](#).

Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions!

Thanks,
Nico



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Giffords, The Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence, and the Alliance for Gun Responsibility Announce Extreme Risk Law Toolkit

Toolkit provides resources and guidelines on how best to enact and implement life-saving gun safety policies

Washington, DC — Over the past year, we have seen tremendous accomplishments by state legislatures working to combat the dangers of gun violence, with 26 states implementing 55 bills designed to keep guns out of dangerous hands. Eight of these bills were Extreme Risk Laws. Now Giffords is proud to announce a state legislative toolkit to help advocates, legislators, and other key stakeholders enact and implement Extreme Risk Laws to prevent future tragedies and keep guns out of dangerous hands.

The [Extreme Risk Law Toolkit](#), released today, is a collaboration between three organizations: [Giffords](#), the gun safety organization founded by former Representative Gabrielle Giffords and Captain Mark Kelly; the [Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence](#), a public health think tank that identifies and implements evidence-based policy solutions and programs to reduce gun violence in all its forms; and the [Alliance for Gun Responsibility](#), the leading voice of the gun violence prevention movement in Washington and a driver of gun violence prevention initiatives nationwide. The toolkit details ways in which lawmakers, advocates, and stakeholders can take action to help implement Extreme Risk Laws.

States with Extreme Risk Laws or similar versions of these laws include:

- **California**
- **Connecticut**
- **Delaware**
- **Florida**
- **Illinois**
- **Indiana**
- **Maryland**
- **Massachusetts**
- **New Jersey**
- **Oregon**
- **Rhode Island**
- **Vermont**
- **Washington**

"While the federal government continues to stall in implementing effective gun safety protections, we've witnessed states step up and pass legislation that are proven to help keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people," said **Peter Ambler, Executive Director of Giffords**. "This toolkit provides clear steps lawmakers must take to protect the communities from gun violence. Extreme Risk Laws have been highly effective at saving lives, and lawmakers seeking answers on how to reduce violent crime can look no further than the resources provided by our organizations. We're encouraged at the willingness of states to take up these life-saving measures, and we look forward to working with legislators in the near future to help pass these bills in their state capitals."

"Governors and state lawmakers on both sides of the aisle have begun to recognize that Extreme Risk Laws are critical to keeping their constituents safe from gun violence in all its forms; by reducing at-risk individuals' access to firearms, Extreme Risk Laws decrease the likelihood of gun homicide and suicide," said **Josh Horwitz, Executive Director of the Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence**. "These policies should be enacted in every state in the nation, and this toolkit gives states the resources to do just that. We are honored to be part of this collaboration, and we look forward to helping all 50 states draft, pass, and enact Extreme Risk Laws."

"Washington State was among the first states in the country to create an Extreme Risk Law when voters passed Initiative 1491 in 2016. Almost immediately, our Extreme Risk Law began saving lives," said **Alliance for Gun Responsibility CEO Renee Hopkins**. "Families and law enforcement in every corner of Washington State has used hundreds of Extreme Risk Protection Orders to prevent firearm suicides, domestic violence, and remove firearms from the hands of prohibited individuals. Since then, almost a dozen more states have put similar policies in to place. This toolkit gives states without them the tools they need to enact these meaningful laws and save lives. Washington is proud to continue to lead the way in innovative tools to prevent gun violence."

[Read the Extreme Risk Law Toolkit](#)

About Extreme Risk Laws

Extreme Risk Laws create a civil court order, issued by a judge upon consideration of evidence provided by a family member or law enforcement officer, that temporarily prohibits a person in crisis from possessing or purchasing firearms or ammunition. A common thread in many shootings is that family members of the shooters had noticed their loved ones engaging in dangerous behaviors and were concerned about their risk of harming themselves or others – even before any violence occurred.

- **Extreme Risk Laws create a mechanism for families and law enforcement to temporarily prevent access to guns by individuals who pose an elevated risk of**

endangering themselves or others. These laws can save lives while ensuring critical legal protections for respondents, just as they have in states that have already taken this responsible step.

- **Extreme Risk Laws are based on the long-standing domestic violence protection orders (in place in all 50 states) and involve both a court hearing and clearly defined due process protections.** Qualifying petitioners would be able to petition the civil court in their jurisdiction for an order based on evidence they present through a written application and at a hearing before a judge.
- **Extreme Risk Laws give individuals an opportunity to present evidence to show they are not a danger to themselves or others.** If a court issues an order, respondents would still be able to petition for early termination of the order and are eligible to have their firearms and ammunition returned upon expiration of the order.
- **States with Extreme Risk Laws have seen positive results and are saving lives.** California enacted this life-saving law in 2014, and Washington voters overwhelmingly passed it in November 2016. Connecticut and Indiana have long-standing Extreme Risk Laws that allow law enforcement officers to intervene when people are in crisis and have easy access to guns. In the first 14 years of the implementation of Connecticut's law, it is [estimated that one life was saved](#) for every 10-20 risk-warrants issued. In addition, [nearly one third of respondents](#) received critical mental health and substance abuse treatment as a result of the intervention.
- **Extreme Risk Laws are a particularly important tool to help prevent suicides.** Those in a suicidal crisis are much more likely to survive if they do not have easy access to firearms for the duration of the crisis. [Research](#) shows that people are more likely to die by suicide if they have easy access to firearms. [Eighty-five percent](#) of suicide attempts involving firearms are fatal. [Nine out of 10 people](#) who survive a suicide attempt do not die by suicide at a later date. These facts demonstrate that Extreme Risk Laws, which can prevent suicidal individuals from accessing guns during a crisis, will likely save lives.

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[Giffords](#) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving lives from gun violence. Led by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and her husband, Navy combat veteran and retired NASA astronaut Captain Mark Kelly, Giffords inspires the courage of people from all walks of life to make America safer.

[The Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence](#) is a 501(c)(3) organization and public health think tank that identifies and implements evidence-based policy solutions and programs to reduce gun violence in all its forms. The Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence makes communities safer by translating research into policy; we achieve this by engaging in policy development, advocacy, community and stakeholder engagement, and technical assistance.

[The Alliance for Gun Responsibility](#) works to end the gun violence crisis in our community and to promote a culture of gun ownership that balances rights with responsibilities. Through collaboration with experts, civic leaders, and citizens, we work to find evidenced-based solutions to the crisis of gun violence in our community. We create innovative policy, advocate for changes in laws, and promote community education to reduce gun violence.

If you would rather not receive future communications from Giffords, let us know by clicking [here](#).
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Re: Please join us for a Gun Violence Prevention Reception on 1/16

1 message

Moran, Brian <brian.moran@governor.virginia.gov>
To: Molly Voigt <mvoigt@giffords.org>

Thu, Dec 19, 2019 at 4:45 PM

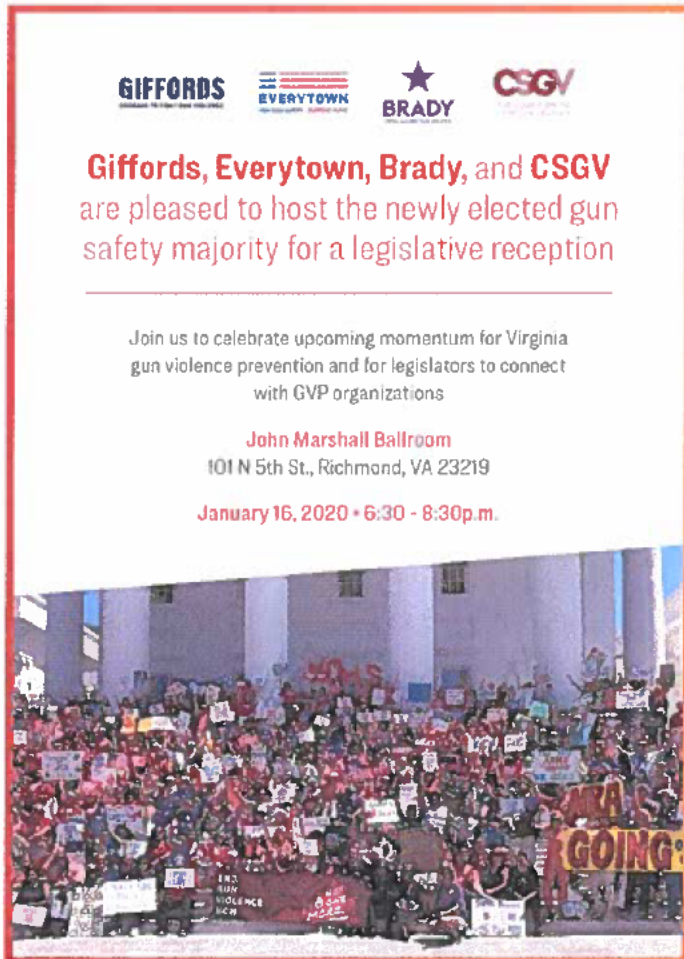
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On Thu, Dec 19, 2019 at 4:15 PM Molly Voigt <mvoigt@giffords.org> wrote:
Hello all--

We hope that you will join us for a reception on January 16th to celebrate momentum in Virginia gun violence prevention. The invitation with event details can be found below.

Please RSVP to this email if you are able to attend.

We hope to see you there!



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Giffords, Everytown, Brady, and CSGV
are pleased to host the newly elected gun
safety majority for a legislative reception

Join us to celebrate upcoming momentum for Virginia
gun violence prevention and for legislators to connect
with GVP organizations

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January 16, 2020 • 6:30 - 8:30p.m.

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Explore our [Annual Gun Law Scorecard](#) — Is your state doing enough to save lives?

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Re: Proposed amendment to HB 674 from Everytown

1 message

R. Ronald Jordan <rjordan@advantusstrategies.com>

Thu, Jan 23, 2020 at 9:56 AM

To: "Moran, Brian" <brian.moran@governor.virginia.gov>, Richard Sullivan <rsullivan@statefederalstrategies.com>

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From: "Moran, Brian" <brian.moran@governor.virginia.gov>

Date: Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 9:04 AM

To: Richard Sullivan <rsullivan@statefederalstrategies.com>

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Subject: Re: Proposed amendment to HB 674 from Everytown

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On Thu, Jan 23, 2020 at 8:44 AM Richard Sullivan <rsullivan@statefederalstrategies.com> wrote:

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From: Peter Vujovich <pvujovich@everytown.org>
Date: January 22, 2020 at 7:33:16 PM EST
To: "R. Ronald Jordan" <rjordan@advantusstrategies.com>
Cc: Richard Sullivan <rsullivan@statefederalstrategies.com>
Subject: Re: FW: Proposed amendment to HB 674 from Everytown

We're trying to address the issue of sheriffs and police departments getting credible complaints, and refusing to conduct an investigation and thereby not initiating the ERPO process. It's of particular concern since we just saw many uniformed sheriffs and deputies at the Capitol leading chants that they will not comply with the new gun laws.

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Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 6:51 PM
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Cc: "R. Ronald Jordan" <rjordan@advantusstrategies.com>
Subject: Re: Proposed amendment to HB 674 from Everytown

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On Wed, Jan 22, 2020 at 6:20 PM Richard Sullivan <rsullivan@statefederalstrategies.com> wrote:

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