

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

We are writing to express our support for finding common ground and enacting safety measures that would prevent further loss of life due to gun violence. We were heartened by your discussions that touched on encouraging states to implement Gun Violence Restraining Orders during your recent meeting with our colleagues on February 28, 2018. We agree that it is absolutely critical to empower families and give law enforcement the tools they need to prevent further tragedies due to gun violence. To that end, we encourage you to support the enactment of H.R. 2598, the Gun Violence Restraining Order Act/ S. 1212, the Gun Violence Prevention Order Act, which we introduced in May 2017.

Gun violence restraining orders (GVROs), also referred to as gun violence prevention orders and extreme risk protection orders, allow family members and law enforcement to petition a court to prevent their loved ones from having access to firearms if sufficient evidence exists that these individuals pose a threat to themselves or others. Based on states' already-established domestic violence protective order processes, GVRO laws ensure due process by allowing the individual the ability to appeal the court order at any time.

H.R. 2598/ S. 1212, the Gun Violence Restraining Order Act, would encourage states to adopt GVRO laws by creating a new grant program to support state courts and law enforcement in the law's implementation process. Currently, five states, including California, Washington, Oregon, Indiana, and Connecticut, have enacted variations of GVROs—but this number can and should grow. We know that these laws work and have saved lives.

We have seen too many lives lost due to gun violence. We stand ready to work with you to ensure passage of this measure that seeks to bring sensible solutions to the gun violence epidemic plaguing our nation.

Sincerely,



SALUD O. CARBAJAL
Member of Congress



DIANNE FEINSTEIN
U.S. Senator