

March 15, 2018

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Senator
U.S. State Capitol Building
Washington D.C.

The Honorable Kamala Harris, U.S. Senator
U.S. State Capitol Building
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The Honorable John Garamendi, Congressman
U.S. State Capitol Building
Washington D.C.

**Re: Support for Sandy Hook Promise: H.R. 4909: Stop School Violence Act and H.R. 2598:
Gun Violence Restraining Order Act**

Dear Senators Feinstein, Harris and Congressman Garamendi:

We write to unanimously express our support for two common sense pieces of Federal legislation: 1) Stop School Violence Act, H.R. 4909 and 2) Gun Violence Restraining Order Act, H.R. 2598. H.R. 4909 would provide grants to states to help our schools implement proven, evidence-based programs that STOP violence before it happens and H.R. 2598 would provide law enforcement a mechanism for removing guns from individuals threatening violence (similar to legislation already enacted in California). We support measures that will end easy access to guns, provide additional federal support for the social emotional well-being of our children, and create greater support for coordination of local law enforcement and schools. We are seeking safer schools and communities and additional guns on campuses will do neither.

Unfortunately, the ill-conceived solution offered by the President of the United States to incentivize teachers to carry guns in the classroom is, at best, one of the most preposterous solutions ever offered to keep our schools safe. It is exactly this kind of response that emphasizes the need for a more educated public and clearly should include the highest reaches of our government. Perhaps worst of all, it is proposals like this that serve as a distraction to the real work needed to enact the measures advocated for in the Sandy Hook Promise, including the passage of H.R. 4909 and other legislation such as H.R. 2598. The answer to a gun problem is not more guns! As the Australians have shown, one answer to gun violence is fewer guns.

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For these reasons, we urge your continued fight for the safety of our children, the collective future of our country.

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