

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 25, 2022

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

We write today to applaud the work your Administration has done to tackle gun violence and to strongly encourage you to take additional action to end gun violence and save lives.

Gun violence is a public health epidemic that touches Americans every day. Beyond the mass shootings that make the headlines, over 110 people die from gun violence every day¹. And the pandemic has exacerbated the situation. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention over 45,000 Americans died from gun violence in 2020, a 14 percent jump from 2019.² Data from the Gun Violence Archive shows that 2021 was even deadlier.³ So far this year, over 9,500 people have lost their lives to gun violence⁴.

Your Administration has done admirable work thus far in tackling this public health crisis. Jumpstarting your Administration with a convening of legislators and advocates in the Rose Garden to lay out your vision for reducing gun violence was a powerful moment. But we know that your Administration can, and must, do more. We have already seen the power that your Administration can harness through executive action to fight gun violence and we believe there are additional actions you could take to further address gun violence:

To that end, we request that you:

1. Immediately nominate a Director to lead the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). We stand ready to support a qualified nominee, but this critical agency must have strong leadership to ensure implementation of our nation's gun laws and your Administration's bold executive actions.
2. Finalize the ghost guns rule as soon as possible. Ghost guns are a scourge and quickly becoming the weapon of choice for criminals. In California, the vast majority of suspects caught with ghost guns at a crime scene were legally prohibited from having guns.⁵ And

¹ See *Gun Violence in America*, Everytown Research & Policy, last updated Jan. 26, 2022.

² See John Gramlich, *What the data says about gun deaths in the U.S.*, Pew Research Center, Feb. 3, 2022.

³ See Gun Violence Archive (comparing 2020 and 2021).

⁴ See *id.*

⁵ See Glenn Thrush, 'Ghost Guns': *Firearm Kits Bought Online Fuel Epidemic of Violence*, N.Y. Times, Jan. 26, 2022.

in New York City, the number of ghost guns recovered has increased substantially just from two years ago⁶.

3. Pursue additional executive actions to crack down on gun violence. We believe there are additional executive actions your Administration could pursue. For example, the Department of Justice could further clarify who must obtain a federal firearms license from ATF before buying or selling guns. You could also establish a centralized infrastructure to coordinate community violence intervention efforts across agencies and enhance access to resources for survivors of gun violence.

We are strong supporters of your Administration and of the anti-gun violence movement, and we stand ready to work with you to further reduce gun violence in America.

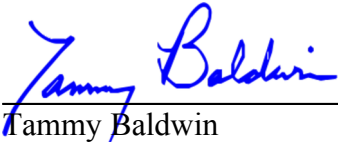
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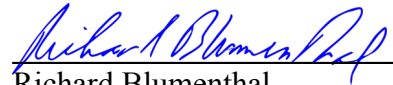
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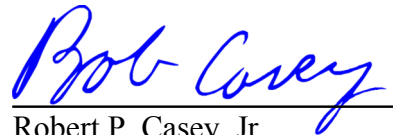
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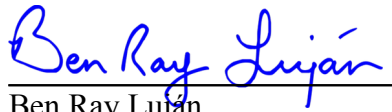


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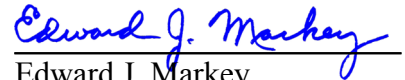


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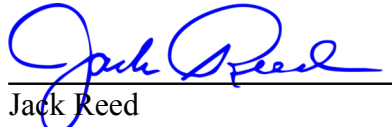
⁶ See Jonah Bromwich, *Deadly and Untraceable, 'Ghost Guns' are Becoming More Common in N.Y.*, N.Y. Times, Nov. 14, 2021.



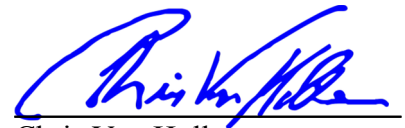
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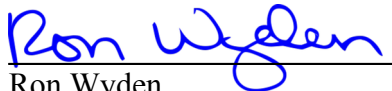
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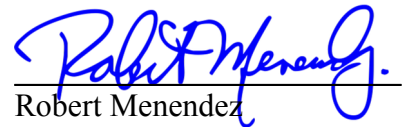
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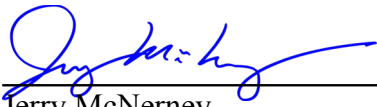
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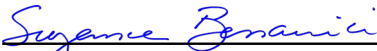
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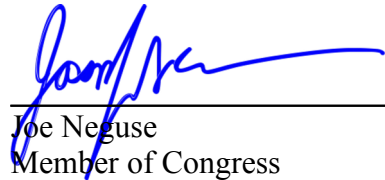
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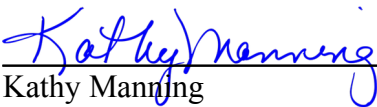
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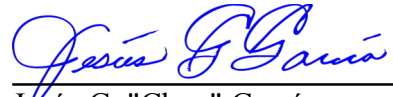
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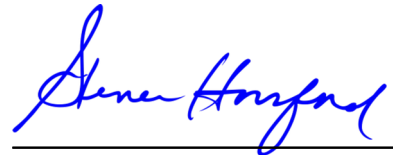
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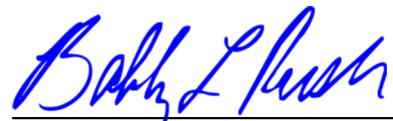
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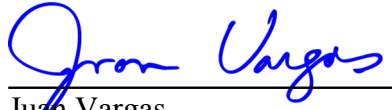
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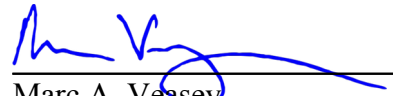
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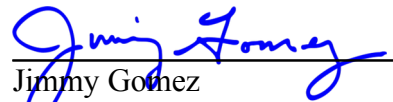
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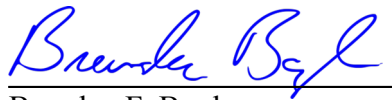
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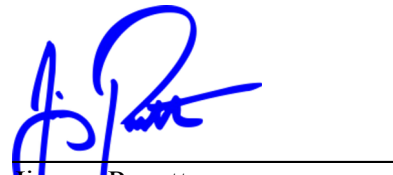
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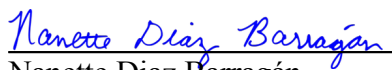
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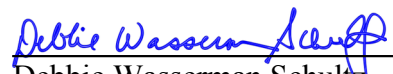
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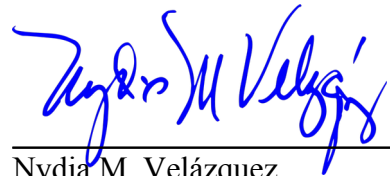
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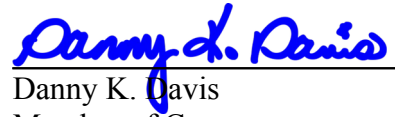
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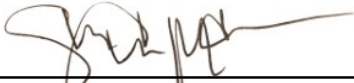
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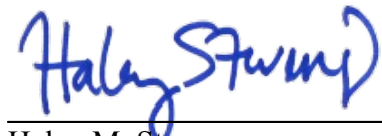
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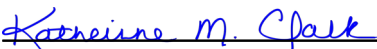
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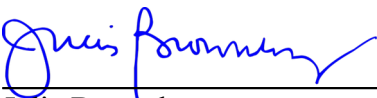
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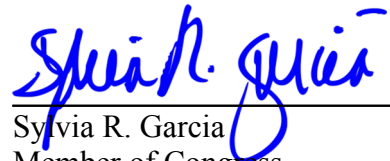
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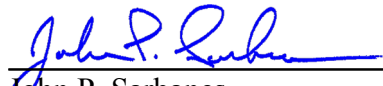
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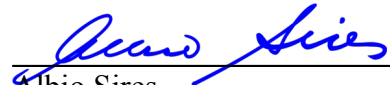
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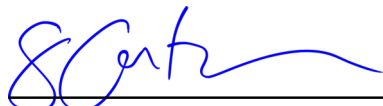
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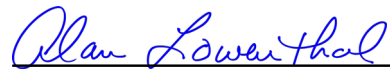
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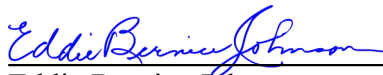
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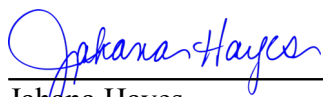
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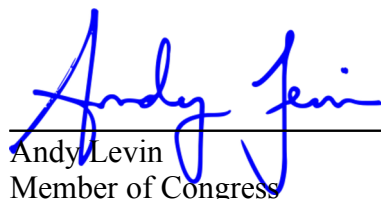
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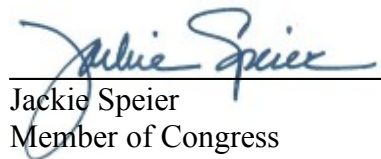
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