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VID DEMANDS CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO END GUN VIOLENCE

Whereas Village Independent Democrats supports the students of Parkland, Florida in demanding solutions to gun violence;

Whereas gun violence is an epidemic in this country, with 38,658 people killed by guns in 2016;

Whereas there is strong nationwide support for common sense gun control;

Whereas, the proposed CCRA will further safety hereafter from concealed firearms and override laws in the states which have purposely restricted concealing;

Whereas effective gun control requires national as well as state action; and

Whereas the proposal to arm teachers in schools creates more danger for students; and

Whereas Congress has failed to take action to prevent gun violence;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Village Independent Democrats calls upon Congress to enact legislation to end gun violence, including but not limited to:

1. Require all purchasers or transferees of firearms to obtain a license that at minimum requires:

1. A minimum age of 21 years;
2. Character references;
3. A personal interview with local law enforcement, including an explanation of why a firearm is desired;
4. Safety training and knowledge of safe firearm handling and relevant laws;
6. A National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) background check; and
7. A holding period of ten days.

Further, grant local law enforcement officials discretion to deny a license if an applicant pose a potential threat to public safety, even if the applicant's history does not violate a specific prohibition.

2. Implement universal background checks by requiring all sellers or transferors of firearms and ammunition, including online, private sales and transfers, and gun shows to conduct a check using the NICS; strengthen NICS by requiring the reporting of convictions for all serious and hate crimes, domestic violence, judicial findings of mental unfitness, and court martial.

3. Ban assault weapons and bump stocks, high-capacity magazines, and other features that permit high-speed fire; require that all existing firearms fitting the definition of assault weapons be registered with local law enforcement.



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4. Prohibit the purchase or transfer of firearms and ammunition to all violent criminals, convicted stalkers, and individuals listed on the Global Terrorism Database.

5. Enhance the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act to hold firearm manufacturers liable for the omission of safety mechanisms on firearms.

7. Develop and Implement a National Gun Registry.

8. Treat gun-related injuries and deaths as a public health issue and allocate funds for research into gun use, wounds, and crime;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Village Independent Democrats calls upon Congress to oppose the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act and any other legislation aiming to arm teachers with firearms.