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Continuing the Fight for Community Safety

I firmly believe that one of my most important duties as your state representative is to do everything I can to protect and promote public safety, including making data-informed decisions about how to keep our community safe and free from the scourge of gun violence.

Since being sworn into the Michigan statehouse in 2019, I have sponsored or co-sponsored nearly two dozen pieces of legislation that would prevent gun violence, and make our community safer, and give peace of mind to all of us. I am the lead sponsor of legislation that would require the safe storage of firearms in situations where a minor could access one. I have also co-sponsored bills that require background checks for all firearm sales, among other legislation that would keep our communities safe. The time is now to take decisive action to strengthen our laws to secure our freedom from gun violence.



Fighting the Gun Violence Epidemic



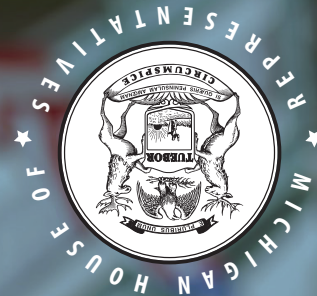
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It's harder to get cold and allergy medicine in Michigan than it is to buy a gun.



Buying Cold and Allergy Medicine:

- Michigan law requires photo ID.
- Your name is entered into a law enforcement database.
- You can only buy up to 3.6 grams a day and 9 grams a month.



Buying an AK-47 and Ammunition:

- **NO** photo ID required for private and online sales.
- **NO** record is made.
- **NO** limits on the amount or type of ammunition you buy, or how frequently you purchase it.

Michigan enacted these requirements for purchasing cold and allergy medicine for good reason — drug overdoses continue to devastate our communities. We lost over 3,000 lives to drug overdoses in 2021. Guns have inflicted very similar devastation on our communities – over 1,200 lives were lost and over 35,000 were wounded in 2021.

Gun violence is a health crisis. It's time we treat it as such.



Banning Open Carry in the State Capitol

Here in Michigan, militia groups have been an ever-increasing presence inside and surrounding our Capitol. In the last few years, armed protests and credible threats of violence led to the Legislature canceling session repeatedly.

Michigan's Capitol typically receives more than 115,000 visitors every year, many of whom are young children, parents and teachers on school tours. Everyone deserves the right to safety and security while visiting our Capitol.

However, until recently, we were one of only three states that lacked any gun-related security measures in our Capitol building.

Many community members wrote and called the Capitol Commission expressing the need to finally regulate firearms in the Capitol after witnessing the tragic events at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6. Their hard work and advocacy resulted in the commission prohibiting the open carrying of firearms in the state Capitol.

This is a historic first instance of gun reform in our state – but it's not enough.

That's why House Democrats have introduced legislation to prohibit all firearms in the state Capitol and the legislative offices where most of the staff work.

The children and families who travel to our Capitol deserve safety and security while visiting. And the staff and officials serving here have a right to do so without threat or intimidation.

Until this legislation passes, the presence of militia groups and other armed protesters will continue to impede the public's ability to access the Capitol, the ability of school groups to visit and the Legislature's ability to meet.

Require Safe and Secure Firearm Storage

Firearm injuries are the leading cause of death in children and teens. Every year, hundreds of children in the United States accidentally shoot themselves or others due to improperly stored firearms.

In addition, **80% of school shooters get their guns from home.**

I, along with state Rep. Felicia Brabec and Senate Democrats, have introduced legislation that would require parents

to keep their weapons out of reach from children. Parents would face criminal penalties in cases where improperly stored firearms resulted in injury or death.

These bills have the potential to save countless lives and prevent shootings like the Oxford tragedy, but they were introduced about a year ago, and the committee has still not given them a hearing.

Keeping Our Loved Ones Safe in Their Time of Crisis



This spring, House Democrats introduced the **Extreme Risk Protections Order** package. Extreme risk laws, also known as red flag laws, allow family members and law enforcement to petition a court to temporarily remove firearms from a person's possession if they are found to be a risk to themselves or others.

This legislation will help us keep our loved ones safe in their time of need. Nearly two-thirds of all gun-related deaths are suicides. A red flag law will not only help us prevent the next school shooting: It will also help us protect our loved ones in their darkest hours.

↓ **CONNECTICUT SAW A 14% REDUCTION IN THE FIREARM SUICIDE RATE**

↓ **INDIANA SAW A 7.5% REDUCTION IN THE FIREARM SUICIDE RATE**

Extreme risk laws are also critical in domestic violence situations. More than half of the women killed with guns in the U.S. are murdered by their partners, and the presence of a gun makes it five times more likely that domestic violence will end in death.

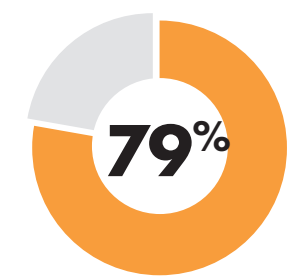
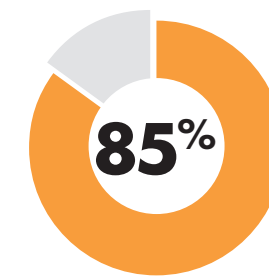
An overwhelming majority of Americans favor extreme risk laws. In a recent survey of 2,500 likely voters, 85% of respondents and 79% of gun owners favored Congress passing an extreme risk law.

Common-Sense Reforms to Reduce Gun Violence

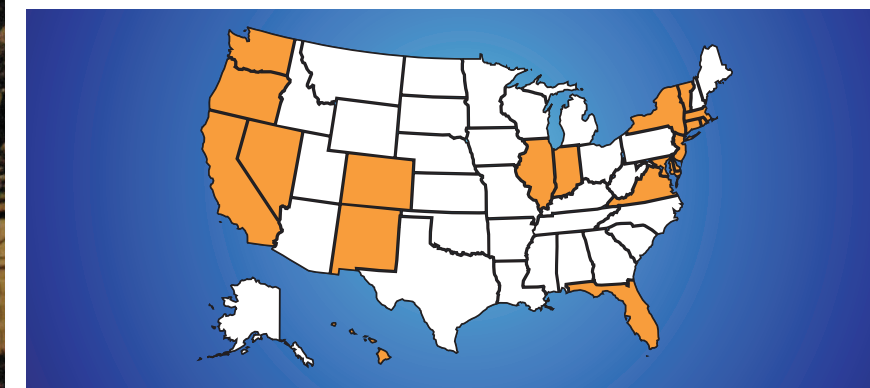
As a member of the Firearm Safety and Gun Violence Prevention Caucus, I'm committed to doing everything I can to finally pass policies that could sensibly and effectively reduce gun violence in our community.

My colleagues and I are working to:

- ✓ Require universal background checks on all gun sales.
- ✓ Close the loophole that allows unmarried domestic abusers to have firearms.
- ✓ Expand gun-free zones to all buildings owned or leased by the state.
- ✓ Fund a gun violence prevention program.
- ✓ Ban high-capacity gun magazines.
- ✓ Establish a seven-day waiting period for pistol purchases.
- ✓ Ban firearms from polling places.



Nineteen states and D.C. have enacted extreme risk laws.



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