

Federal Gun Control Legislation

We acknowledge that no gun law or laws are going to eliminate gun violence. However we do take the position that federal gun-control legislation can reduce gun violence. As we have seen with the assault-type weapon used in Gilroy California and guns taken off the streets in New York, illegal guns cross borders from states with weak gun laws to states with strong gun laws. Therefore the Staten Island Democratic supports the passage of the following federal gun-control legislation.

Background Checks

- We support closing the background check loophole by requiring a background check on all gun and ammunition transfers and sales.
- We support increasing the background check waiting period from three to ten days.
- We support requiring the FBI to maintain all background check records in a central computerized database system.
- We support a limit of one gun purchase a month per person.

Inspection of Gun Dealers

- We support permitting the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) to conduct unannounced inspections of gun dealers for compliance with federal law and providing ATF with the resources to conduct at least on inspection a year of all gun dealers.
- We support requiring gun dealers to provide their inventory to law enforcement
- We support stream lining the process to revoke a gun dealer's license.
- We support background checks for those employed by gun dealers.
- We support the maintenance of computerized records by gun dealers.

Licensing

- We support licensing to own a handgun and weapons based on a military-type weapons platform.
- We support annual renewal of licenses.

Gun Owner Responsibility

- We support requiring passing a gun safety course.
- We support requiring providing proof of safe gun storage.
- We support requiring obtaining gun owner's insurance.
- We support requiring the gun owner to report a lost or stolen gun to law enforcement within 24 hours of discovery.

Registration of Handguns and all Weapons Based on a Military-Type Weapons Platform.

- We support requiring the registration of all handguns and weapons based on a military-type weapons platform.
- We support a centralized gun-owner computerized database.

Public Disclosure of Gun Trace Information

- We support permitting the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) to publically disclose trace data on who bought, sold, transferred and/or received a gun

Repeal legal protection for gun shop, distributors and manufactures

- We support repealing the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act which protects firearms manufacturers, distributors and dealers from being held liable when crimes have been committed with their products.

Removal of firearms from a person who may present a danger to others or themselves

- We support Red Flag laws
- We support requiring the Social Security Administration to provide the Attorney General with information on those individuals determined to be mentally impaired.

Domestic Violence

- We support closing the “boyfriend loophole.”

Assault Weapons Ban

- We support a ban on the sale or transfer of all weapons based on a military-type weapons platform
- We support a ban on bump stocks
- We support a ban on all military-weapon features such as pistol grips, flash compressors, folding stocks, etc. or a feature that increases the capacity of the weapon to fire multiple rounds in rapid succession.

High-Capacity Magazines

- We support a ban on all magazines that exceed 10 rounds

Minimum Age to Buy or Own a Handgun and Handgun Ammunition

- We support raising the minimum age to 21, from 18.

Dumdum Bullets

- We support a ban on dumdum bullets which are designed to explode, segment or detonate upon impact with a target.

Buy-Back Programs

- We support gun buy-back programs

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

- We support making the ATF Director, a position appointed by the President not approved by Congress