



★ DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

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PROGRESS MADE IN 2017

Thanks to the increased awareness surrounding gun violence and the growing, more informed gun violence prevention movement, NRA-touted misinformation and scare tactics have been exposed and its influence has declined nationally. Read more in the Newsweek [article](#).

Many states have made progress in advancing lifesaving legislation. Since 2013, more than 210 new gun safety laws have been passed in 45 states and Washington D.C. Read the Giffords Law Center's [Gun Law TrendWatch: 2017 Year End Review](#), to learn about 2017's legislative victories and defeats at the state level.

As the American populace demands stronger gun laws, gun safety has become a winning issue on the ballot. In November 2017, every candidate endorsed by [Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund](#) and [Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America](#) won his or her race. Read more about how electoral victories and the national gun violence prevention movement have [succeeded in making the U.S. a safer country and have stifled the NRA's dangerous agenda](#).

On the judicial front, [Giffords Law Center](#) has filed a lawsuit against the Trump administration after it refused to provide records of its coordination with the NRA to appoint unqualified NRA hand-picked judges to life time positions on federal courts. Read more [here](#).

PROGRESS MADE IN DELAWARE

Delaware House Majority Leader, Valerie Longhurst introduced [House Bill 300](#), in a push to regulate bump stock devices in the state. Read more [here](#).

TAKING THE NEXT STEP: COMMONSENSE LEGISLATION THAT LEGISLATORS SHOULD ENACT

Many individuals who perpetrate acts of gun violence, previously have been violent in their own houses, by committing acts of domestic abuse. Why, if there is general agreement between Democrats and Republicans, has Congress not taken legislative action to block those who have committed domestic violence from buying firearms? Read the New York Times' interactive opinion piece, [The Home Front](#).

Voluntary self-prohibition legislation would be an effective prevention tool for suicides, the most common type of gun violence in the United States. Read the [op-ed](#), written by the executive editor at the [Coalition to Stop Gun Violence](#). Read how the gun lobby is [obstructing suicide prevention](#).

STATE-LEVEL ACTION TO ADDRESS URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

Read the Giffords Law Center, [PICO National Network](#) and [Community Justice Reform Coalition's](#) report, [Investing in Intervention: The Critical Role of State-Level Support in Breaking the Cycle of Urban Gun Violence](#), to learn about how state leaders can support and scale up community-driven solutions that have a lasting impact on gun violence in urban neighborhoods.

FIREARM RELATED NEWS

Despite the overwhelming percentage of gun owners (83%) and Republicans (83%) who oppose the [Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act](#), the NRA-backed bill passed in the House of Representatives by a vote of 231-198. Read more [here](#).

Read about the growing [bulletproof clothing industry](#), which makes \$465 million annually in the United States.