



★ DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

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STATES TAKE THE LEAD IN BANNING BUMP STOCKS

With Congress' inaction since the most recent mass shooting in Las Vegas, states have taken the forefront in pushing forward and/or passing common-sense gun safety bills. The bump stock – an attachment that can make a semiautomatic rifle fire faster – which was used in the Las Vegas shooting, is legal under federal law. To the applause of both [Giffords](#) and [New Jersey Moms Demand Action](#), New Jersey's Assembly passed Senate Bill 3477, which if signed into law, will make bump stocks illegal; in February, Connecticut Governor, Dannel Malloy will [propose a ban](#) on both bump stocks and binary trigger systems. Even, a state lawmaker in Nebraska [proposed a measure to ban the attachment](#).

Virginia Governor-Elect Ralph Northam stated that [addressing gun violence](#) is one of the top priorities in his legislative agenda. Read the [statement](#) from Virginia Moms Demand Action about the Governor's plans to expand background checks.

POLAR OPPOSITE RESPONSES TO COMMON-SENSE GUN LEGISLATION

As was discussed in the [previous newsletter](#), many individuals who perpetrate acts of gun violence, previously have been violent in their own houses, by committing acts of domestic abuse. Moreover, according to [Everytown Research](#), 54 percent of mass shootings are related to domestic or family violence. Read the New York chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America's [statement](#) on Governor Andrew Cuomo's pledge to close loopholes, so as to strengthen New York's domestic violence laws and keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers.

Watch Congressmen Sean Duffy's inadequate response to questions pertaining to common-sense gun laws [here](#).

FIREARM NEWS, PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

The gun violence epidemic has affected Florida in a particularly worrisome way. From 2010-2015, 3,200 youth, 17 years old and younger were killed or injured by firearms – on average, a child was shot every 17 hours. Annually, 30 children under the age of five years old, went to the hospital for firearm related injuries. Despite the momentum in banning bump stocks, the fact of the matter is that most gun violence is perpetrated by individuals with undoctored firearms. Read more [here](#).

Read [The Trace's](#) 2017 Gun Violence Reporting, which brings to light critical issues and under examined aspects of the gun debate [here](#).

Read the Axios [report](#) on how federal intervention into police departments resulted in reforms – either willing or forced – and led to a decline of police-involved shootings at the rate of 25-35 percent. Despite the progress from the Obama-era increased oversight, Attorney General Sessions is rolling it back, citing the lack of jurisdiction over state matters.

Former astronaut, Mark Kelly [tweeted](#) that if President Trump takes credit for zero airline deaths, he also has to for thousands of gun deaths.

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Republican Jan Morgan, who in 2014 stated that her gun range was a 'Muslim free zone', [announced that she is running](#) for governor of Arkansas.

