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11 SCHOOL SHOOTINGS IN 2018

Although less than a month into 2018, we have already witnessed 11 school shootings. These once-rare incidents have become so [commonplace](#) in our society that the news media glosses over the shootings, as we are no longer surprised by the horrific events that are unfolding before our eyes. Last week, there were [three school shootings in two days](#) and since 2013 there have been nearly [300 school shootings](#) in the United States, which amounts to about one a week. Read more [here](#) about the unnerving trend that is affecting our country.

Read the [responses](#) from Moms Demand Action, Everytown, and a Sandy Hook shooting survivor to the school shooting in Benton, Kentucky. Read Texas Moms Demand Action and Everytown's [response](#) to the shooting in Italy, Texas.

RUSSIA AND THE NRA

There are reports that influential Russians illegally funneled large sums of money to the NRA, who in turn spent 55 million dollars in the 2016 elections, which included the financial support of Richard Burr – in charge of Senate investigation into 2016 Russian interference – in his [North Carolina Senate race](#). The NRA also poured 30 million dollars into Donald Trump's [2016 presidential campaign](#). Read more [here](#) about the reported ties between Russia and the NRA.

Read Giffords' [condemnation](#) of the NRA over reports that it received Russian money to influence the presidential election.

DELAWARE TAKES STEP TOWARDS BANNING BUMP STOCKS AND MORE

Delaware House Bill 300 will be sent to the full House, after the House Administration Committee voted on party lines on 24 January 2018. The bill would make the possession or sale of bump stocks a Class E felony, with a penalty of up to five years in prison. A main argument against the common-sense gun legislation is that it has never been used in Delaware; however, the bump stock was not used in Las Vegas until 1 October 2017, when it was, to kill 58 individuals from a distance of 1,500 feet. Read more [here](#). Watch a [clip](#) of the hearing.

Since the 1960s, besides for hunting purposes, firearms were prohibited in state parks and forests. The ban was overturned in December 2017, with a 3-2 Supreme Court ruling, a result of the [2015 Chancery Court lawsuit](#), which cited that it 'denied them their right to bear arms'. State officials are in the process of proposing a set of new [rules](#). Read more [here](#).

The '[Beau Biden Gun Violence Prevention Act](#)', which was introduced by Rep. David Bentz and backed by Governor John Carney, would remove guns from individuals with mental illness. DeCAGV's Michael Barbieri states: "It's unconscionable for us to think that in a time when a person's not thinking clearly that we wouldn't do everything we could to protect them from harming themselves and others." Read more [here](#).

BEAU BIDEN FOUNDATION RUN – 17 MARCH 2018

DeCAGV will be participating in the Beau Biden run in Wilmington, Delaware. Join the [DeCAGV team](#) or [make a donation](#)!

