AMERICA'S YOUTH UNDER FIRE:
THE DEVASTATING IMPACT OF GUN VIOLENCE ON YOUNG PEOPLE

Young Americans are more likely to be killed with a gun than die in a car accident.

The burden of gun violence does not fall equally across communities.

Young African Americans are 18 times more likely to be a victim of gun homicide than their white peers.

In the United States, every 6 days a young Native American commits suicide with a gun.

Of all domestic violence murders, 54% are young women aged 15-29 that are killed with a gun.

Young Hispanics are 4 times more likely to be a victim of gun homicide than their white peers.

And the gun homicide rate for young people varies dramatically from state to state.

*Gun deaths per every 100,000 young people

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Progressive Policies You Can Demand

- Full ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines
- Allowing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to research gun violence as a public health issue
- Requiring background checks for all gun sales
- Support and funding for local violence prevention and intervention programs
- Disarming all domestic abusers and making extreme risk protection orders available in every state
- Reinvestment in youth jobs and high-quality education programs in communities hit hardest by gun violence
- Implementation of trauma-informed education programs in communities impacted by gun violence
- Smart on crime approaches and reforms to the criminal justice system that reduce unnecessary arrests and incarceration and promote re-entry success