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Dear Ohio Governor Mike DeWine & Ohio 135th General Assembly

We the undersign are very concerned with the state of Ohio and the amount of gun violence plaguing our communities. We are asking Governor DeWine to form a task force, similar to the Nursing Home Quality and Accountability Task Force, to listen, examine and provide recommendations to improve safety and reduce access to guns in all Ohio neighborhoods.

We hope the goals of the task force will also include the ability to coordinate and promote effective efforts to reduce gun violence in Ohio. In addition to coordinating with local, state and federal police departments in expanding resources relating to gun violence prevention. Including seeking and offering solutions to prevent violence committed with firearms, improve community safety and improve enforcement related to gun violence.

We ask members of the taskforce to include families and victims impacted by gun violence.

As HB 33, the State of Ohio Budget, progresses through the 135th General Assembly there is nothing in the budget to address- Youth violence, Gun Safety initiatives, and/or Neighborhood Safety.

As for our State Legislators, it now time for a conversation on Common Sense Gun Legislation. Therefore, we are asking the 135th General Assembly to be courage's in seeking solutions and passing legislation concerning Universal Background Checks for gun purchases, Red Flag Laws, encouraging and using safety devices, and fixing the loopholes in gun show purchases etc.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2019, there were approximately 39,707 gun-related deaths in Ohio, which equates to about 109 deaths a day. As

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elected leaders, we are responsible to our constituents to advocate, lead, protect, and advance policies that will save, protect and make gun violence a thing of the past in our communities. Let's not make the gun debate personal but about reducing violence and protecting the Second Amendment. It's about the willingness to do both.

Lastly, we ask the Governor and the Ohio Legislator to expand the deployment of Resource Officers to ALL Ohio School Children- Public and Private.

We must protect our families and communities from the tragic effects of gun violence in Ohio. We must vow to change our culture and policies and stop this cycle of violence. Ohioans should be able to live in their homes, send their children to schools, pray and worship in their respective communities, shop in our local businesses and walk in the streets and neighborhoods without the fear of being shot. Together we can take action. Together we can shine a light and show the Country how OHIO is a leader in preventing gun violence. I urge you to this 'Call to Action.'

Shining a Light

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