

## REDUCING GUN VIOLENCE ACTIONS, April 2021

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### FEDERAL LEGISLATION

The following bills have passed the House & have moved to the Senate:

- HR 8 Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021 -Adds requirement of a background check on a transfer between private parties, except certain transfers between spouses.
- HR 1446 Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021 - Closes the Charleston loophole by increasing background checks to a minimum of 10 business days.
- HR 1620 Violence Against Women Re-Authorization Act of 2021- Closes the boyfriend & stalker loophole. Reauthorizes previous programs.
- HB 1280 George Floyd Justice & Policing Act of 2021 – Ban on chokeholds, stops some no-knock warrants, limits military equipment sales to local police agencies, adds a new lynching offence to the criminal code.

Contact Senator Todd Young, Senator Mike Braun, Senator Joe Manchin

- Senator Todd Young, 185 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington D.C., 20510, 317-226-6700
- Senator Mike Braun, 374 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington D.C., 20510, 317-822-8240
- Sen. Joe Manchin, 306 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington D.C., 20510, 202-224-3954

### STATE OF INDIANA

The 2021 session has concluded except for redistricting. If you have concerns about gaps in Indiana's Red Flag Law & Background checks, please contact your State Senators & Representatives.

Find them [at iga.in.gov/legislative/find-legislators/](https://iga.in.gov/legislative/find-legislators/)

Also contact President Pro-temp Sen. Rodric Bray, 317-232-9416, [Senator.Bray@iga.in.gov](mailto:Senator.Bray@iga.in.gov)

Speaker of the House, Representative Todd Huston, 317-232-9677, [h37@iga.in.gov](mailto:h37@iga.in.gov)

### JOIN or SUPPORT THESE PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

- HOOSIERS CONCERNED ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE - information, education, lobbies the State Legislature, partners with States United to Prevent Gun Violence – [HCGV.org](https://www.hcgv.org)
- PURPOSE 4 MY PAIN - Local support group for those who have lost a family member or had someone wounded in a shooting. Outreach to impacted families <https://www.purpose4mypain.org>
- STOP THE VIOLENCE INDIANAPOLIS- Working on gun violence reduction, prevention, working with families & youth in impacted areas - <https://www.stoptheviolenceindy.org> also on Facebook
- MOMS DEMAND ACTION  
INDIANA STATE-WIDE NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION  
Sunday, May 2, 2pm, virtual, RSVP: [momsdemandaction.org/events](https://momsdemandaction.org/events) - enter zip code-click search-scroll to event -click RSVP
- BE SMART a safe storage program of Everytown for Gun Safety <https://besmartforkids.org>