

Gun violence is a dramatic and terrible problem in our state and our nation, and my family has been personally impacted as our neighbors have been the targets of drive-by shootings for over a year, until they were forced to move out of our neighborhood to protect their own safety. The neighborhood is still on high alert with every firework noise and our children will always have had the safety of their homes infringed upon by having shots ring out in a place they play and grow. While background checks can't prevent every shooting, ensuring that universal background checks that cannot be circumvented are in place is a step in the right direction. I believe firmly that every legal means to ensure that gun owners are qualified benefits the whole community. Thank you.