

## **Talking Points on Gun Violence**

With over 300,000,000 guns in the U.S., reducing gun violence will be a multi-generational undertaking. Policies that will eventually reduce gun violence if enacted and enforced include,

- 1) Universal background checks including all sellers and buyers.
- 2) Universal gun registration from the point of manufacture and each time a gun changes hands
- 3) Restrictions on the types and quantities of ammunition that can be sold and bought.
- 4) Restrictions on cartridge size
- 5) Automatic weapons laws to be strictly enforced and strengthened

Universal gun registration would not be different from automobile registration. Universal background checks and registration will, in time, reduce the U.S. black market in guns and will eventually reduce the number and types of guns available to criminals and the mentally impaired.

Neither universal background checks nor registration inhibit individuals from enjoying gun ownership. Reduced cartridge size or restriction on semi-automatic and automatic guns will not put families at risk who need to protect their homes. Like VP Biden I recommend a shot gun. The need to reload will save lives in some gun violence situations.

Armed guards in schools are a local issue to be decided through the ballot box. Some communities have approved it. If people feel strongly about this issue they can get it on the ballot in their local community. Meanwhile, I'll continue advocating for the needed regulations to reduce gun violence and save lives. Our rights under the second amendment, like some of our other constitutional rights, are not without reasonable restrictions.