



## First Unitarian Church of Wilmington

### **CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS NOW AND ASK THEM TO TAKE ACTION ON GUN VIOLENCE**

Join us in taking action to urge practical responses to gun violence by contacting your Delaware State Representatives and/or your federal elected officials.

**To view the First Unitarian Church Board's Position on Gun Violence, please click [here](#).**

#### **A. CONTACT YOUR DELAWARE STATE REPRESENTATIVES**

##### **From the Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence:**

Call/Write your State Representative in the Delaware House and demand they pass Senate Bill 3 —IMMEDIATELY! SB 3 already passed the Delaware Senate with a 13-8 vote. Senate Bill 3 is a 'permit to purchase' law, that requires a person to get a permit before being able to purchase a handgun. The bill does a few other things as well (passing data and information -- that's already collected -- to law enforcement for example).

##### **Sample text/Script from Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence:**

*I'm writing today as one of your constituents, and one of the majority of Delawareans who believes in common-sense gun violence prevention legislation - and I am OUTRAGED that we have not done more to prevent a tragedy like the mass shootings in Texas and Buffalo from happening here. As President Biden said, "we have to act."*

*Requiring a permit to purchase a handgun will help keep guns out of dangerous hands and lower the number of guns our streets. Please support permit to purchase and other meaningful gun safety measures - your YES vote will save lives.*

*Delawareans want their schools and supermarkets, their neighbors and their children to be protected from gun violence. Gun violence is not a left or right issue, it is a life-or-death issue. I urge you to support permit to purchase and save lives in Delaware - before it's too late. Thank you.*

**To send a message right now: Click [here](#) to find your representative and send them a message right now**

**To write a postcard/letter: Click [here](#) to find the contact information for your Delaware representative.**

## **B. CONTACT YOUR FEDERAL ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

Please communicate with the Senate Majority Leader, Chuck Schumer; the Minority Leader, Mitch McConnell; the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi; your own Congressperson; and your state Senators.

Personalize your letter in your role as a parent, grandparent, teacher, citizen, victim of gun violence, person of faith, etc.

### **Sample text adapted from Faiths United to End Gun Violence:**

Dear Senator/Representative \_\_\_\_\_

This is a time to act to address gun violence in the country. The vast majority of the country supports taking some practical steps to control gun acquisition through background checks

Gun violence is a public health issue and it is taking an unacceptable toll on our society. We need you to take action to ensure that: •

1. Every person who buys a gun pass a background check. We need to require universal background checks on all gun purchases.
2. We need an effective assault weapon ban now. High-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines should not be available to civilians. There is no legitimate self-defense or sporting purpose for these military-style, high-capacity weapons and magazines whose only purpose is to kill large numbers of people in a short amount of time.
3. Gun trafficking become a federal offense. Gun trafficking fuels the flow of guns nationally and internationally, and is a major contributing cause to extreme gun violence in our country.

Please pass common-sense gun safety laws.

Sign with your name and address

### **Contact Information:**

Senator Chuck Schumer, 322 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510  
(202) 224-6542

Senator Mitch McConnell, 317 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510  
(202) 224-2541

Rep. Nancy Pelosi, 1236 Leavenworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515  
(202) 225-4965

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