

**STATEMENT re: GOVERNOR PRITZKER'S 2020 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND  
CALL-TO-ACTION TO PASS THE BIO BILL TO BLOCK ILLEGAL GUN OWNERSHIP**

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As Governor Pritzker prepares for his State of the State address on Wednesday, it's important we recognize his efforts to make Illinois a safer place to live. Signing into law the Firearm Dealer Licensing Certification Act in 2019 was an important first step to addressing the epidemic of gun violence that has impacted communities across Illinois – but there's still more work to be done.

We are nearing the one-year anniversary of the workplace shooting at the Henry Pratt manufacturing company in which five people were killed and six injured by a shooter who had legally obtained the firearm, despite having been convicted of an aggravated assault felony, due to a weakness in the Illinois Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) Card process. We must pass meaningful legislation that strengthens our gun purchasing system, and require background checks for every firearm purchase and transfer.

More than 34,000 Illinoisans have been deemed unsafe to own a gun, yet nearly 80 percent may still be armed. **I urge Governor Pritzker to make public safety a top priority in his second year by helping to pass SB 1966, which will help protect our children, families and communities from gun violence.**

**ILLINOIS GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION PAC (G-PAC)**

The Illinois Gun Violence Prevention PAC (G-PAC) is a non-partisan political action committee that was founded to counter the political influence of the gun industry and their lobby in Springfield, Illinois. G-PAC raises the resources necessary to protect and elect public officials who step up to fight the gun violence epidemic, and work against those who don't support keeping our communities safe.

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