

ACTION ALERT!

ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS RETURN TO SPRINGFIELD FOR SPECIAL SESSION WITH A NARROW FOCUS ON “COVID-19 OR OTHER DISASTERS”

TELL THEM TO END THE EPIDEMIC OF GUN VIOLENCE

The Illinois Senate will reconvene for a short session THIS Wednesday (May 20th) with a narrow focus on “COVID-19 or other disasters.” As gun violence prevention advocates, we understand that **Illinois’ gun violence epidemic is a disaster that must be addressed before more lives are lost to illegal guns. Now we need to act.**

As communities across Illinois deal with the COVID-19 crisis, everyday gun violence continues to threaten the black and brown communities disproportionately impacted by gun violence and the flow of illegal guns. The combination of the COVID-19 pandemic and the gun violence epidemic is a disaster, and lawmakers have the power to protect our children and our communities by passing SB1966 the BIO Bill to Fix the FOID.

It is urgent that we ask the Illinois Senate to ACT to save lives by prioritizing and passing SB1966 The BIO Bill **before session is adjourned next week!**

This toolkit contains steps you can take RIGHT NOW to reduce the flow of illegal guns and save lives here in Illinois:

ACTION 1: Try to arrange a virtual meeting with your state senator, especially if you live in a priority district. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see a list of priority senators and their contact information. To set up a meeting email or call the priority Senator’s office, introduce yourself and ask for a virtual zoom meeting to discuss gun violence and the BIO bill. If you need any assistance, please reach out to info@gpec-ichv.org.

ACTION 2: Call your state senator. It only takes one click to be connected with your state senator’s district office, and we’ve provided a script for what to say once you’re connected. Call now and urge them to prioritize public safety and pass #SB1966 the BIO Bill before session adjourns.

ACTION 3: [Email your state senator](#). We've updated our letter to senators to reflect the urgency of passing #SB1966 this session. Even if you've sent a letter before, make sure to send this new message today.

ACTION 4: [Email the Senate Judiciary Committee](#). With just one click you can send an email to all 9 of the Senate Judiciary Committee members asking them to prioritize public safety and pass SB1966 this session!

ACTION 5: [Email Senate President Don Harmon](#). As Senate President, Don Harmon needs to hear from you. We've updated our email to his office and with one click you can send him an email urging him to prioritize SB1966, The BIO Bill before session adjourns.

ACTION 6: [Tweet @ priority state senators](#). All you have to do is enter your email address and one of our tweets will be set to priority IL state senators. Since the tweets are randomized you are able to go back to the page and send more than one tweet. Make your voice heard and tweet at IL lawmakers as much as you can!

ACTION 7: REPEAT! REPEAT! REPEAT! Make sure to do actions 2-6 every.single.day. Share these resources with your networks and encourage them to do the same.