

# Our One Job is to Keep Children Safe from Gun Violence

## SUPPORT BLOCK ILLEGAL OWNERSHIP (BIO) AND FIX THE FOID POLICY

### IMPROVES PUBLIC SAFETY

- Requires background checks for all gun sales, including person-to-person, private sales. This tracking would improve firearm investigations and homicide clearance rates.<sup>1</sup>
- Verifies the identity of FOID card applicants by requiring one set of fingerprints submitted to the Illinois State police. This would better protect the public through rapid completion of background checks and efficient processing of FOID applications. The live scan fingerprint vendor fee is capped at \$30.
- Enables Illinois State Police to remove guns once a FOID card is revoked, reducing illegal gun purchases and sales by ineligible FOID card holders.
- Dedicates life-saving, mental health funding for communities most impacted by gun violence.

### ILLINOIS' PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

- The risk of homicide for domestic violence victims is 5 times higher<sup>2</sup> when there is a gun in the home. Domestic violence increased 16% in Illinois<sup>3</sup> in 2020.
- Firearms continue to be the leading cause of death for Illinois children and teens.<sup>4</sup> An average of 183 children and teens die by guns every year in Illinois.
- The state's gun violence disproportionately affects Black and Brown children and teens, who are 13 times more likely to die from gun violence than their white counterparts.<sup>5</sup>
- More than 27,000 Illinoisans may still be armed, despite losing their right to own a gun.<sup>6</sup> Communities with the highest number of revoked FOID cards and illegal guns are Mount Vernon, Kankakee, Marion, and Streator.

A strong gun licensing system combined with background checks on all gun sales is proven to cause a

**40%  
DECREASE**

in gun violence for states that implement these two measures.<sup>7</sup>

1. City of Chicago, Tracing the Guns: The Impact of Illegal Guns on Violence in Chicago <https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/mayor/Press%20Room/Press%20Releases/2017/October/GTR2017.pdf>

2. <https://giffords.org/lawcenter/gun-laws/policy-areas/who-can-have-a-gun/domestic-violence-firearms/>

3. <https://abc7chicago.com/domestic-violence-covid-statistics-2020-coronavirus/10381318/>

4. <https://t.e2ma.net/click/h1vxye/5bc8dkb/tar9zo>

5. <https://t.e2ma.net/click/h1vxye/5bc8dkb/tar9zo>

6. <https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-met-illinois-guns-foid-cards-revoked-20190520-story.html>

7. Crifasi, McCourt and Webster; Giffords Law Center, "Licensing: Summary of State Law," available at <https://giffords.org/lawcenter/gun-laws/policy-areas/owner-responsibilities/licensing/>

# STATEWIDE COALITION

## 200+ ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT BLOCK ILLEGAL OWNERSHIP (BIO) AND FIX THE FOID POLICY

### VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Gun Violence Prevention PAC  
GPEC/ICHV  
Moms Demand Action  
Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence  
Everytown for Gun Safety  
GIFFORDS  
March for Our Lives  
A Safe Place for Help  
ABJ Community Services  
ABT Illinois  
Action for a Better Tomorrow – North and South  
Action Ridge  
BUILD, Inc.  
Center for American Progress  
Chicago Area Peace Action  
Chicago CRED  
Chicago NOW  
Chicago Parks Foundation  
Chicago Survivors  
Chicago Veterans for Peace  
Chicago Women Take Action  
Chi-Town GVP Summit  
Coalition to Stop Gun Violence  
Coalition of Veterans Organizations  
Communities/Relatives IL Incarcerated Children  
Community Renewal Society  
Compassionate Care Network  
Darren B. Easterling Ctr for Restorative Practices  
DEAR Evanston  
Equality Illinois  
Friends Who March  
Generation Progress  
Gun Responsibility Advocates  
Hustle Mommies  
Illinois Justice Project  
Illinois NOW  
Increase the Peace Englewood  
Indivisible Illinois  
Institute for Nonviolence Chicago  
Kids Above All  
Kids Off the Block  
League United Latin Amer.Citizens #5273  
League of Women Voters of Illinois  
LIVEFREE Chicago  
Mikva Challenge - Leadership Initiative  
Moms Rising  
Mother's Against Wrongful Convictions  
OFA, Chicago North  
OFA, Northwest Suburbs  
Onward Together  
Open Communities  
Parents for Peace and Justice  
Peaceful Communities  
People for a Safer Society  
Planned Parenthood of Illinois  
Purpose Over Pain  
Schools Say Enough  
She Votes Illinois  
Southwest Suburban Activists  
St. Titus One Youth Anti-Violence Program  
States United to Prevent Gun Violence  
Strengthening Chicago's Youth

Suicide Prevention Association  
Switch Lanes  
The Black Star Project  
The Jeremy Scullark Foundation  
UCAN  
United Awareness Front  
United Commercial Food Workers

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

Attorney General, Kwame Raoul  
Cook County State's Attorney, Kim Foxx  
Director, Illinois State Police, Brendan Kelly  
Chicago Police Department  
East St. Louis Police Department  
Cook County Sheriff, Tom Dart  
Lake County State's Attorney, Eric Rinehart  
Lake County Sheriff, John D. Idleburg  
Kane County Sheriff, Ron Hain

### HEALTH CARE

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital  
AIDS Foundation of Chicago  
American Nurses Association of Illinois  
Doctors Demand Action  
Doctors for America  
Health & Medicine Policy Research Group  
Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics  
Illinois Public Health Association  
Illinois Society of Advanced Practice Nurses  
Loyola University Medical Center  
Mental Health America of Illinois  
The Institute of Medicine of Chicago  
The Mental Health Summit

### FAITH ORGANIZATIONS

All Saints Episcopal Church-Chicago  
All Saints Episcopal Church - Western Springs  
Am Yisrael, Northfield  
American Promise  
Annunciation Our Lady Epis Church - Lake Villa  
Archdiocese Chicago - Violence Prev. Initiative  
Berkeley - Hillside Presbyterian Church  
Beth Emet - The Free Synagogue  
Catholic Charities  
Chicago Board of Rabbis  
Christ Episcopal Church - Winnetka  
Church of the Holy Spirit (Epis) - Lake Forest  
Community of Congregations  
Community Pres. Church - Broadview  
Community Pres. Church - Clarendon Hills  
Congregation Or Tikvah  
Council of Religious Leaders of Metro Chicago  
Countryside Unitarian Church  
Elgin Cooperative Ministry  
Emanuel Congregation - Chicago  
Emanuel Lutheran, Rockford  
Episcopal Diocese of Chicago  
Evangelical Luth Church America Chicago  
Faith Community of St. Sabina  
Faith Lutheran Church - Glen Ellyn  
First Presbyterian Church - LaGrange  
First Presbyterian Church - Decatur

First Presbyterian Church - Deerfield  
First Presbyterian Church - Homewood  
First United Church of Oak Park  
First United Church of Oak Park  
First United Methodist Church Chicago Temple  
Flossmoor Community Church  
Fourth Presbyterian Church - Chicago  
Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church - Chicago  
Grace Seeds Ministry  
Greater Institutional AME Church  
Illinois Conference of Churches  
International Council of Community Churches  
Ivanhoe Cong. Church, UCC - Mundelein  
Jewish Council on Urban Affairs  
Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation (JRC)  
Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago  
Joint Action Committee for Political Affairs  
Kenilworth Union Church  
Lake Street Church of Evanston  
Lakeview Presbyterian Church  
National Organization for Women-Chicago  
National Gun Victims Action Council  
National Youth Advocate Program  
Natl Youth Art Movement Against Gun Violence  
Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church  
Mennonite Central Committee  
Muslim Community Center  
National Council of Jewish Women South Cook  
Northern IL Conf. United Methodist Church  
Or Tikvah, Grayslake  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation  
Presbyterian Church of Barrington  
Presbytery of Chicago  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church - Woodbridge  
Progressive Community Church - Chicago  
Pullman Presbyterian Church - Chicago  
Quinn Chapel AME Church - Chicago  
Seabury Western Theological Seminary  
Second Unitarian Church of Chicago  
Sikh Religious Society  
Solidarity Sundays - Logan Square  
Southminster Presbyterian Church - Glen Ellyn  
St. Augustine's Episcopal Church - Wilmette  
St. Felicitas Catholic Church - Chicago  
St. Francis Xavier Parish  
St. James Cathedral Episcopal Church Chicago  
St. James the Less Episcopal Church -Northfield  
St. Joseph Anglican Church - Springfield  
St. Luke Presbyterian Church - Downers Grove  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church - Barrington Hills  
St. Nicholas Catholic Church - Evanston  
St. Vincent De Paul Pres. Church - Chicago  
Temple Beth Israel - Skokie  
Unitarian Church of Evanston  
Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network Illinois  
United Church of Christ  
United Church of Hyde Park  
United Church of Rogers Park  
United Methodist Church  
Xperience Church of Englewood  
Yorkfield Presbyterian Church-Elmhurst

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