

October 1, 2023

President Joe Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

RE: *The New White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention*

Dear Mr. President,

I commend the Biden Administration's commitment to addressing the issue of gun violence and safeguarding our communities with the [establishment](#) of the White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention.

I am very pleased with the objectives you have tasked for this office. With Vice President Kamala Harris overseeing and in coalition with gun safety advocates, this office will spearhead implementing existing laws and work with local authorities to pass additional gun safety legislation. It will also work to address the root causes of gun violence, such as poverty and mental illness.

In 2021, the most recent year for which complete data is available, 48,830 people died from gun-related injuries in the U.S., according to the CDC. 54% of all gun-related deaths in the U.S. were suicides (26,328), while 43% were murders (20,958) with the remainder being accidental, involving law enforcement or undetermined.

Easy access to weapons fuel these statistics across the board. However, it is the increasing frequency and scale of mass killings that has drawn the focus of the nation. It is also very concerning that domestic terrorism is a growing motivation. The availability of military-grade firearms significantly amplifies the capacity of violent extremists to cause mass harm, especially towards children and marginalized communities.

The FBI has stated and Congressional investigations have found that white supremacists and other far-right-wing extremists are the most significant domestic terrorism threat facing the United States. Notably, some of the most fatal mass shootings have been perpetrated by violent extremists with racist motivations.

I am committed to supporting the White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention in developing policies and initiatives that prioritize human security, and the safety and well-being of all Americans.

Sincerely,

(Print Name & Address) _____
