

CONGRESSMAN RICHARD HUDSON CONFERENCE SECRETARY

Opposing H.R. 8, the “Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021” and H.R. 1446, the “Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021”

These gun-grabbing bills are an attack on law-abiding citizens and nothing in either bill would have prevented any previous mass shooting.

In their efforts to pass so-called “universal background checks,” House Democrats disregard that every commercial gun sale in the United States already has a background check. H.R. 8 would require a background check if you wanted to lend a firearm to a neighbor for self-protection, while H.R. 1446 could allow the FBI to delay a weapon transfer indefinitely. And again, neither piece of legislation would have stopped a single mass shooting.

House Republicans share the same goal as our Democrat colleagues: end gun violence. When Republicans were in the majority, we enacted real legislation to harden schools, train law enforcement, and help deliver mental health resources to prevent gun violence. We hope Democrats will stop this charade and work with us to deliver real results.

What would H.R. 8 do?

- Imposes unnecessary and redundant background checks that already occur on all gun sales
- Infringes on Second Amendment rights of all law-abiding citizens
- Could turn legal gun owners into criminals for helping a friend or neighbor
- Would not have stopped a single mass shooting

What would H.R. 1446 do?

- Extends default transfer window for a retail firearm sale from 3 to 10 business days and could allow the FBI to delay a transfer indefinitely
- Undermines the NICS background system
- Would not have prevented the Charleston shooting

What House Republicans have done to end gun violence

- The *Fix NICS Act of 2017* improved reporting to the National Instant Background Check System (NICS) while also strengthening Second Amendment protections for law-abiding gun owners.
- The *Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Act of 2018* passed as part of the omnibus bill. This law makes our schools safer by providing resources to harden schools as well as to train students, teachers, and local law enforcement so they can help stop school violence before it happens.
- The *21st Century Cures Act*, which was signed in December 2016, is one of the most significant reforms to the mental health system in a decade.
- After the House passed legislation in 2017, the Trump Administration officially banned bump stocks in December 2018.

Building on Our Results: Republican Response to Gun Violence

List of potential legislation for Members to consider cosponsoring

Summary: Instead of H.R. 8 and H.R. 1446, House Republicans are bringing forward targeted solutions to further improve school safety, support mental health, expand information sharing and address root causes of gun violence.

H.R. 1518 - 21st Century NICS Act

Allows the FBI to access the N-Dex system when performing a background check under NICS for the potential sale of a firearm. This database aggregates criminal records from various local, state, and federal agencies to provide critical information to the criminal justice community. Had it been enacted, this bill may have prevented the Charleston shooting.

Sponsor: Rep. Tom Rice, Grady.Austin@mail.house.gov

H.R. XXXX – STOP II: Classrooms Over Conference Rooms Act

Doubles the existing security funding to harden schools, originally provided in the *STOP School Violence Act*, by taking from money appropriated for conference room rentals at the Department of Education.

Sponsor: Rep. Richard Hudson, Elliott.Guffin@mail.house.gov

H.R. 194 – DOJ Report on NICS Prosecutions

This bill requires the Office of the Inspector General in the Department of Justice to report to Congress on the number of firearm transfer delayed denials issued by the NICS that are referred to the ATF for investigation. The report must include prosecutions resulting from such investigations and the number of firearms recovered by the ATF in cases in which a denial was issued by the system after a firearm was transferred.

Sponsor: Rep. Michael Burgess, Rachel.Huggins@mail.house.gov

H.R. 1604 – STOP Straw Purchases Act

This legislation would strengthen federal law and make it easier to prosecute criminal straw purchasers and gun traffickers. It will increase the maximum punishment for the purchaser and the receiver, who transfers a firearm with reasonable cause to believe that it will be used in a drug crime or crime of violence, to include a fine up to \$750,000, and a prison term for up to 25 years. Current law calls for a fine of up to \$250,000 and a prison term of up to 10 years in prison.

Sponsor: Rep. Don Bacon, Rachel.Pearce@mail.house.gov

H.R. XXXX – Prosecuting Gun Crimes Saves Lives Act

This bill establishes requirements and authorities for the Department of Justice to take certain actions to address the illegal purchase and possession of firearms, including by authorizing grants and establishing task forces to increase investigations and prosecutions of relevant offenses.

Sponsor: Rep. Nicole Malliotakis, Michael.DeFilippis@mail.house.gov

H.R. 1567 – The Police Officers Protecting Children Act

This legislation amends the Gun Free School Zones Act to allow certain qualified law enforcement officers and qualified retired law enforcement officers the ability to carry a concealed firearm onto school grounds if the local school board passes a policy allowing it. Law enforcement officers who have committed their lives to enforcing the law and keeping us safe are stripped of the ability to protect our children at school as soon as they clock out or retire. This bill ensures the federal government is not standing in the way of allowing those officers to provide protection to children in schools who choose to allow them to do so.

Sponsor: Rep. Vicky Hartzler, Colleen.Castle@mail.house.gov