

Comments from Congresswoman Marcia Fudge

CONGRESSWOMAN FUDGE CALLS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CURB GUN VIOLENCE, SUPPORTS WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVES

“We are all here to work for the American public, not ourselves. We may have a personal opinion as to what should be done about guns, but the people of America are speaking and we need to listen to them.”

WASHINGTON, D.C.- **Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge** (OH-11) today commended President Obama for presenting a series of executive and legislative initiatives that would strengthen gun laws and improve delivery of mental health services to reduce the loss of life due to gun violence.

“It is clear the culture of violence is an American epidemic. It is time for us to face the music. We are complicit in the violence that takes place in our nation if we fail to strengthen our gun laws; fail to invest more resources in our mental health services; and fail to address the issue of bullying. We must take meaningful and immediate action to eradicate the culture of violence in our country,” said Congresswoman Fudge.

Since 1982, there have been more than 60 mass murders carried out with firearms across the United States. Each year, 30,000 Americans lose their lives and about 80,000 are wounded as a result of gunfire. Congresswoman Fudge supports a multifaceted approach that includes the following:

- Closing loopholes for private sales and gun shows by requiring uniform background checks on all gun purchases;
- Prohibiting civilian purchase of high capacity ammunition clips, drums or magazines; and
- Banning assault weapons.

“No single measure can solve the complex issue of gun violence. We must undertake a series of sensible and long overdue steps to prevent weapons from falling into the hands of dangerous people. The President, Members of Congress, parents, gun owners, the entertainment industry and every American citizen has a role to play in doing all we can to keep our children and families safe. We must act now.”

<https://www.youtube.com/user/marcialfudge>

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