

On behalf of Lt. Governor Zuckerman I want to thank you for message and for taking the time to share your perspective.

Lt. Governor Zuckerman has been a supporter of universal background checks for many years. Yesterday he proudly stood with our Attorney General and the leadership of the Senate and House at a press conference and committed to begin the process of reforming our gun laws to increase safety in Vermont.

Over the last 2 weeks we have received many messages, from teachers, doctors, law enforcement, hunters, parents and students. All of them are asking us to do our job and address public safety and the safety of children here in Vermont.

The discussion is advancing and solutions are being addressed in several committees in the House and Senate. Next week the full Senate will debate and vote on S.6 and S.221, requiring universal background checks and giving law enforcement power to remove weapons when they perceive a threat. The conversation has changed and debate is moving because constituents like you are making your voices heard, sharing your ideas, and asking for action.

The Lt. Governor and your legislators believe it is possible to reform our gun laws and increase public safety without compromising our constitutional rights. They

also recognize any progress made is just the first step. We must address the underlying causes of violence in our society such as poverty, mental illness, bullying and more. We hope you will stay engaged as we move forward.

You can follow the progress of the bills mentioned above (and all bills) by visiting the Legislative website <https://legislature.vermont.gov/> and entering the bill number in the search field. You can also click on Committees and find the contacts for each committee and for your legislators.

If you would like to watch the press conference or read the full remarks by the Lt. Governor you can find them here: <http://ltgov.vermont.gov/press-release/vt-leadership-supports-reforming-gun-laws>

Regards, Meg

I spend a lot of time talking to Vermonters from all walks of life and take seriously our job of protecting all citizens while preserving our rights. Over the last week I have received many messages, from teachers, doctors, law enforcement, hunters, parents and students. All of them are asking us to do our job and address public safety and the safety of children here in Vermont.

It is time we pass laws that empower law enforcement to remove firearms from those involved in domestic violence and close the loop holes in the background check system. While we know this won't stop all gun violence, these are proven changes to decrease gun violence while preserving constitutional rights.

I support Senator Ashe and Speaker Johnson and look forward to the Senate voting on S.6 requiring universal background checks and S.221 to reduce the risk of extreme gun violence in the coming week.