

TALKING POINTS FOR YOUR LETTER

- **I am a pro-life Catholic and I vote.**
- **Gun violence prevention is a pro-life issue.**
- **If this representative has taken campaign contributions from the NRA, ask that he return it.**
- **Make large capacity gun magazines illegal and bring back the assault weapons ban.**

Choose one or two other point for your letter:

- **America's gun homicide rate is more than 25 times the average of other high-income countries. An analysis of gun homicide rates in developed countries— those considered “high-income” by the World Bank — found that the United States accounted for 46 percent of the population but 82 percent of the gun deaths.**
- **Background checks are a central component of America's efforts to keep guns from criminals: since their inception, they have blocked over 3 million gun sales to prohibited purchasers.**
- **Data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) show that on an average day, 96 Americans are killed with guns.**
- **On average there are nearly 13,000 gun homicides a year in the U.S.**
- **For every one person killed with guns, two more are injured.**
- **Nearly two-thirds (62 percent) of firearm deaths in the U.S. are suicides.**
- **Seven children and teens (age 19 or under) are killed with guns in the U.S. on an average day.**
- **In an average month, 50 women are shot to death by intimate partners in the U.S.**
- **When a gun is present in a situation of domestic violence, it increases the risk the woman will be killed fivefold.**

(Statistics and supporting documentation can be found here: <https://everytownresearch.org/gun-violence-by-the-numbers>)

OTHER ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

- Join Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. You can find them on Facebook (Moms Demand Action -NC), Twitter and on their website. <https://momsdemandaction.org/> Text “Act” to 64433 to receive action alerts (text and data charges apply)
- Commit to vote for gun safety. Take the pledge at Everytown.org
- [Find out how much money your leaders have taken from the NRA and call them to say that it will be a deciding factor for you on Election Day.](#) (These numbers do not include millions from other gun lobby groups funded by the NRA.)

Richard Burr - \$49,446

Thom Tillis - \$9,900

George Holding - \$8,000

Mark Walker - \$3,000

GK Butterfield – 0

David Price – 0

(NRA contribution data is from the 1998 through 2018 Congressional cycles and does not include individual expenditures or communication costs. Contribution data to Congress comes from the Federal Election Commission. Congress member list comes from the [@unitedstates project](#). Originally published June 12, 2016, The Washington Post.)

- [Get registered to vote and make sure your friends are too.](#)
- [Attend a Moms Demand Action meeting to learn about the Gun Sense Candidate questionnaire we will use to hold our leaders accountable on Election Day.](#)
- Run for office! If you're wondering what it takes to run for office, join the conversation with Moms Demand Action members and survivors of gun violence who have recently been elected. **When: Friday, February 23rd 3:00 pm ET Register at <http://act.everytown.org/sign/sign-up-now-running-office-webinar>**
- Visit the websites of the Brady Campaign to End Gun Violence, North Carolinians Against Gun Violence, Everytown for Gun Safety and Giffords to learn more about this issue and how to take action.

“This bloodshed will not stop until we all take responsibility and act to strengthen gun laws and support for those with mental health needs.” - Cardinal Blasé Cupich