

DEAN'S PRIORITY:

GUN-VIOLENCE PREVENTION

"Thoughts and tweets don't save lives – courage and action save lives. And since Congress has refused to effect change to improve safety, I will do everything in my power to support students mobilizing to change Congress."

- Dean Phillips

DEAN'S PLAN

We average nearly one mass shooting every single day in this country. In the face of 200 school shootings since Sandy Hook, Congress has done nothing to investigate why these incidents are happening, let alone anything meaningful to address them. Dean's plan calls for doing both:

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PASS UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

Over 77% of Republicans and 90% of Democrats agree on the need to close the gun-show loophole and require background checks on all firearm purchases. And yet Congress does nothing out of fear of angering the gun lobby. Dean is not beholden to the gun lobby or any other special interests, and he will be a vocal advocate for such commonsense, bipartisan policy.

REINSTATE THE ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN

In the 10-year period during which the Assault Weapons Ban was in place, gun massacres decreased dramatically – but they've increased dramatically ever since. Dean believes it's time to reinstate this commonsense policy. Given that we don't allow hand grenades, bazookas or machine guns on our streets, there is precedent for the same sort of reasonable approach to assault weapons that will save lives.

FUND CDC RESEARCH INTO GUN VIOLENCE

Dean believes we must declare gun violence a national health and public safety crisis. He will work to provide the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with the funding necessary to thoroughly investigate the causes of gun violence and offer potential solutions.

SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH AND ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAMS

Dean understands that our public schools lack the resources necessary to provide adequate numbers of mental health professionals and counselors who can help identify and treat children suffering from mental illness, and he will work to fix that. He also believes we need stronger anti-bullying measures –like Minnesota's Safe and Supportive Schools Act–in all public schools.

KEEP GUNS AWAY FROM DANGEROUS PEOPLE

Finally, Dean supports commonsense measures to keep guns away from domestic abusers, violent criminals and suspected terrorists, including so-called 'no fly no buy' proposals.



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