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Taking a stand against gun violence in Pennsylvania



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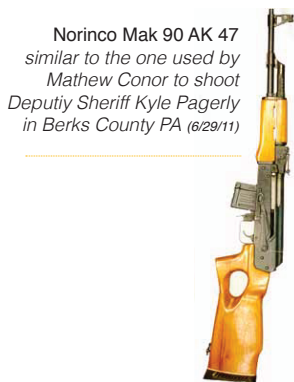
## Short. Simple. Commonsense.

*HB 1010, Pennsylvania Background Check Bill.*

### What is a long gun?



870 Express shotgun similar to the one used by Aaron Alexis to kill 12 in the Navy Yard shooting in Washington DC (9/16/13)



Norinco Mak 90 AK 47 similar to the one used by Mathew Connor to shoot Deputy Sheriff Kyle Pagerly in Berks County PA (6/29/11)



Bushmaster XM-15 similar to the one used by Adam Lanza at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT (12/14/12)

### Current PA Background Check law requires

- Background checks for any gun purchased at a federally licensed firearm dealer.
- Background checks for private sales of handguns.

### What is missing from the PA Background Check Law?

- Currently PA law allows prohibited purchasers to avoid background checks when buying long guns -- shot guns, rifles, military-style semi-automatic assault rifles -- from private sellers.

### Why should PA require background checks for the private sale of long guns?

- 10% of gun crimes are committed with long guns.
- In the past five years, at least half of the Pennsylvania law enforcement officers murdered with guns were killed with long guns.
- In 2012, at least a quarter of the law enforcement officers murdered with guns in the United States were killed with long guns.
- Nationally, 17% of women murdered with guns by intimate partners are killed with long guns.

### How we can close this loophole and ensure that all gun sales in PA would require a background check?

- HB 1010 would repeal the exemption for private sales of long guns.
- This means virtually every gun sale in PA would require a background check.
- HB 1010 would exempt guns transfers between close family members.

### How can Backgrounds Checks help?

- The Pennsylvania background check system blocked over 9,000 prohibited purchases in 2012 alone.
- States that require background checks for private sales of handguns also experience significantly fewer aggravated assaults and dramatically less illegal gun trafficking.

### What can you do to help?

- Contact your State Representative and ask them to cosponsor HB 1010.