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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 Conor to kill Deputy Sheriff Kyle Pagerly in Berks County PA (11/11/13)



Bushmaster XM-15 similar to the one used by Adam Lanza at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT (12/14/13)

Current PA background check law requires:

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

What is missing from the current PA Law?

- Currently PA law allows felons, domestic abusers, and people with severe mental illness 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.
- Nationally, 17% of women murdered with guns by intimate partners are killed with long guns.

How we can close this loophole?

- 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 gun transfers between close family members.

Background checks work:

- Since 1998, the national background check system has blocked more than 2 million prohibited purchases.
- The Pennsylvania background check system blocked over 9,000 prohibited purchases in 2012 alone.
- Ten states and The District of Columbia now require background checks for private sales and transfers of both handguns and long guns: CA, CO, CT, DE, HI, IL, MA, NJ, NY, and RI.

What can you do to help?

- Contact your State Representative and ask him/her to cosponsor HB 1010.