



Newtown Action Alliance Supports Assault Weapons Ban of 2023

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H.R.698: Original Sponsor: [Rep. Cicilline, David N. \[D-RI-1\]](#) Sponsor: Rep. Lucy McBath [D-GA-7]

Assault weapons were banned in the United States from 1994 until 2004. The 117th House of Representatives passed [H.R.1296](#) on July 29, 2022 with bipartisan support. President Joe Biden has urged Congress to pass the ban and deliver it to his desk. After the **ban expired in 2004**, assault weapons were used to efficiently and effectively murder and wound too many innocent children and adults in the deadliest mass shooting incidents in the United States.

- 60 people were killed & over 500 were wounded on October 1, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nevada
- 49 people were killed & 58 were wounded on June 12, 2016 in Orlando, Florida
- 26 children & educators were killed on December 14, 2012 in Newtown, Connecticut
- 26 people were killed on November 5, 2017 in Sutherland Springs, Texas
- 19 students & educators were killed on May 24, 2022 in Uvalde, Texas
- 17 students & educators were killed & 17 were wounded on February 14, 2018 in Parkland, Florida
- 14 people were killed on December 2, 2015 in San Bernardino, California
- 12 people were killed & 58 people were wounded on July 20, 2012 in Aurora, Colorado
- 11 people were killed & 9 were wounded on January 21, 2023 in Monterey Park, California
- 11 people were killed & 7 were wounded on October 27, 2018 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 10 people were killed on March 22, 2021, in Boulder, Colorado
- 10 people were killed & 3 were wounded on May 14, 2022 in Buffalo, New York
- 7 people were killed & 48 were wounded on July 4, 2022 in Highland Park, Illinois

S. 25 and H.R. 698:

Bans the possession, sale, transfer, manufacturing and importation of:

- Semiautomatic rifles that can accept a detachable magazine and have at least one of the following military features: (1) pistol grip; (2) forward grip; (3) folding, telescoping, or detachable stock; (4) grenade launcher; (5) barrel shroud; or (6) threaded barrel.
- Semiautomatic pistols that can accept a detachable magazine and have at least one of the following military features: (1) threaded barrel; (2) second pistol grip; (3) barrel shroud; (4) capacity to accept a detachable magazine at some location outside of the pistol grip; or (5) semiautomatic version of an automatic firearm.
- Semiautomatic rifles and handguns that have a fixed magazine capable of accepting more than 10 rounds.
- Semiautomatic shotguns that have at least one of the following: (1) folding, telescoping, or detachable stock; (2) pistol grip; (3) fixed magazine with the capacity to accept more than 5 rounds; (4) ability to accept a detachable magazine; (5) forward grip; (6) grenade launcher; or (7) shotgun with a revolving cylinder.
- Ammunition feeding devices (magazines, strips, and drums) capable of accepting more than 10 rounds in S.25 and 15 rounds in H.R.698.

- 205 specifically-named firearms

Weapons Excluded from the Bill -Protects the Following Weapons:

- 2,258 legitimate hunting and sporting rifles and shotguns by specific make and model.
- Any weapon that is lawfully possessed at the date of the bill's enactment.
- Any firearm manually operated by a bolt, pump, lever or slide action.
- Assault weapons used by military, law enforcement, and retired law enforcement.
- Antique weapons.

How this legislation strengthens the 1994 Assault Weapons Ban and existing state bans:

Moves from a 2-characteristic test to a 1-characteristic test.

- The bill also makes the ban harder to evade by eliminating the easy-to-remove bayonet mounts and flash suppressors from the characteristics test.^[1]_[SEP]

Bans dangerous aftermarket modifications and workarounds.

- **Bump or slide fire stocks**, which are modified stocks that enable semi-automatic weapons to fire at rates similar to fully automatic machine guns.
- So-called "**bullet buttons**" that allow the rapid replacement of ammunition magazines, frequently used as a workaround to prohibitions on detachable magazines.
- **Thumbhole stocks or Thordsen-style stocks**, types of stock that were created as a workaround to avoid prohibitions on pistol grips.^[1]_[SEP]
- Adds a ban on the **importation** of assault weapons and large-capacity magazines.
- Eliminates the 10-year **sunset that allowed the original federal ban to expire**.

How this legislation addresses millions of assault weapons and large-capacity magazines currently in existence:

- Requires a **background check** on all sales or transfers of a grandfathered assault weapon. This background check can be run through the FBI or, if a state chooses, initiated with a state agency, as with the existing background check system.
- Prohibits the **sale or transfer** of large-capacity ammunition feeding devices lawfully possessed on the date of enactment of the bill.
- Allows states and localities to use federal Byrne JAG grant funds to conduct a voluntary **buy-back program** for grandfathered assault weapons and large-capacity ammunition feeding devices.
- Imposes a **safe storage** requirement for grandfathered firearms, to keep them away from prohibited persons.
- Requires that assault weapons and large-capacity ammunition feeding devices manufactured (i.e. for military or law enforcement) after the date of the bill's enactment be **engraved with the serial number and date of manufacture** of the weapon.

Mass Shooting Incidents Involving Assault Weapons:

- On July 20, 2012, a 24-year-old white male killed **12 people and injured 70 others (58 from gunfire)** with assault weapons and high capacity magazines inside a Century 16 movie theater in Aurora, Colorado.
- On December 14, 2012, a 20-year-old white male killed **26 children and educators** with an AR-15 and high capacity magazines in less than five minutes at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.
- On December 2, 2015, a homegrown extremist couple killed **14 people and 22 others** with assault weapons and high capacity magazines in an attack at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, California.
- On June 12, 2016, a 29-year-old security guard, killed **49 people and injured 53 others** with an assault weapon and high-capacity magazines in an attack targeting LGBTIQI community inside the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida.
- On June 3, 2017, gunmen armed with AK-47s trafficked illegally into Mexico killed **6 people and wounded 22 others** at Chicho's Bar in Chihuahua city in northern Mexico.

- On October 1, 2017, a 64-year-old white male killed **58 people and wounded 851 (422 by gunfire)** with an AR-15, bump stocks, and high capacity magazines at the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- On November 5, 2017, a 26-year-old white male, with domestic violence history and dismissed from the U.S. Air Force, killed **26 people (including an unborn baby) and wounded 20 others** with an assault weapon and high-capacity magazines inside the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas.
- On February 14, 2018, a 19-year-old white male killed **17 students and educators and injured 17 others** with an AR-15 and high capacity magazines at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.
- On April 22, 2018, a 29-year-old male killed **4 people and injured 2 others** with an AR-15 and high capacity magazines at the Waffle House in Nashville, Tennessee.
- On October 27, 2018, a 46-year-old anti-Semitic white male killed **11 people and injured 6 others** with an assault weapon and high capacity magazines at the Tree of Life Synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- On April 19 2019, unidentified gunmen killed **14 people, including an infant boy, and wounded 3 others** with AR-15s and AK47s illegally trafficked into Mexico, at a family party in Minatitlán, Veracruz in Mexico.
- On May 31, 2019, a 40-year-old disgruntled city employee killed **12 people and injured 4 others** fatally with an assault weapon and high capacity magazines in a municipal building in Virginia Beach, Virginia.
- On June 18, 2019, a group of gunmen attacked a Mexican army patrol and killed **4 people and wounded 10 others** using AK-47s illegally trafficked into Mexico, in Tlacotepec in the southern Mexican state of Guerrero.
- On July 28, 2019, a 19-year-old male killed **3 people and injured 13 others** with an AK-47-type assault rifle and high capacity magazines at the Gilroy Garlic Festival in Gilroy, California.
- On August 3, 2019, a 21-year-old male with white supremacist ideation killed **22 people, including 8 Mexican citizens, and injured 24 others** with an AK-47-style assault rifle, high capacity magazines and 8M3 ammunition in Walmart in El Paso, Texas.
- On August 4, 2019, a 24-year-old male killed **9 people and injured 31 others** with a legally purchased .223-caliber rifle and 100-round drum magazines in 24 seconds outside a nightclub at a nightlife district in downtown Dayton, Ohio.
- On August 31, 2019, a 36-year-old male traveling between the Texas cities of Odessa and Midland in a vehicle used an AR-15 type assault weapon purchased in a private sale to kill **8 people and injure 25 including 3 police officers and a 17-month-old girl**.
- On March 22, 2021, a 21-year-old **killed 10 people** with a legally purchased Ruger AR-556 pistol in a supermarket in Boulder, Colorado.
- On May 14, 2022, an 18-year-old, influenced by far-right “Great Replacement” conspiracy theory, **killed 10 people (all black) & wounded 3 others** with a Bushmaster XM-15 AR-15-style rifle in a grocery store in Buffalo, New York.
- On May 24, 2022, an 18-year-old **killed 19 children & educators and wounded 18 others** with a Daniel Defense AR-15 semiautomatic rifle at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.
- On July 4, 2022, a 21-year-old influenced by far-right & neo-fascist ideology **killed 7 people and 18 others were wounded 48 others** with a legally purchased Smith & Wesson M&P15 semiautomatic rifle with three 30-round magazines during a July 4th parade in Highland Park, Illinois
- On January 21, 2023 (Lunar New Year), a 72-year-old gunman killed **11 people and wounded 9 people** (mostly Asian Americans and immigrants) with an unregistered Cobray M-11/0 (a semiautomatic pistol variant of MAC-11) in a ballroom in Monterey Park, California.

Over 370 coalition members of the Campaign Against Assault Weapons support S. 25 and H.R. 698 legislation. We encourage ALL Members of Congress to cosponsor and pass S. 25 and H.R. 698 to keep our children and families safe from weapons of war.

Please contact Larson.Binzer@mail.house.gov to cosponsor H.R.698, Representative Cicilline’s bill and [Sean Nadel@judiciary-dem.senate.gov](mailto:Sean.Nadel@judiciary-dem.senate.gov) to cosponsor S. 25, Senator Feinstein’s bill.

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 Violence
 Concerned Citizens Against Gun Violence
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 Congregation Kol Ami
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 Las Vegas (Brady), Nevada
 Latah County Brady Chapter, Idaho
 Latin America Working Group Education Fund
 League of Women Voters of Florida
 League of Women Voters of the United States
 Lexington and Central Kentucky Million Mom
 March
 LGBT4GVP
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 Long Island Brady Chapter, New York
 Los Angeles Brady, California
 Louisiana Violence Reduction Coalition
 LPAC
 LWV of Florida
 MA Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence
 Macomb County (Brady), Michigan
 Maine Council of Churches
 Maine Gun Safety Coalition
 Maine Veterans for Peace Tom Sturtevant
 Chapter#001
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 March For Racial Justice #M4RJ
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 Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence
 Massachusetts Brady
 Mercer County Million Mom March, New Jersey
 Metro Atlanta Million Mom March, Georgia
 Metro St. Louis Brady, Missouri
 Mexican Commission for the Defense and
 Promotion of Human Rights
 Micah Leadership Council
 Michigan Gun Violence Prevention Caucus
 Michigan Million Mom March

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 Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception
 MomsRising
 Monmouth Center for World Religions and Ethical
 Thought
 Montgomery Brady, Alabama
 Montgomery County (Brady), Maryland
 Mountain View United Church
 MoveOn.org Civic Action
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 NACCE
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 Nashville Brady, Tennessee
 National Action Network
 National Alliance for the Empowerment of the
 Formerly Incarcerated
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 National Council of Jewish Women - Chicago North
 Shore
 National Die-In, USA
 National Domestic Violence Hotline
 National Education Association
 National Gun Victims Action Council
 National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund
 National Medical Council on Gun Violence
 National Physicians Alliance
 National Women's Law Center
 Nevada-Placer Brady, California
 New Castle Promise
 New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence
 New Orleans (Brady), Louisiana
 New York City Brady Chapter
 New York University Law Brady chapter
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 New Yorkers Against Gun Violence
 Newton Gun Violence Prevention Collaborative
 Newtown Action Alliance
 NORa
 North Carolina Council of Churches
 North Carolinians Against Gun Violence Education
 Fund
 Northeast Kansas Brady, Kansas
 Northern Central Florida (Brady)
 Northern Nevada (Brady)
 Northern Virginia Million Mom March
 Northland Brady Chapter
 Northland Minnesota Million Mom March
 Northwest Corner Committee for Gun Violence
 Prevention
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 Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence
 Oklahoma Gun Sense
 One Aim Illinois
 One Pulse for America
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 Orange Ribbons For Gun Safety
 Oregonizers
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 People for a Safer Society
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 Pomona Valley Brady, California
 Portland Million Mom March, Oregon
 Prevent Gun Violence Florida
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 Programa Casa Refugiados
 Progressive Congress Action Fund
 Progressive Democrats of America
 Project End Gun Violence
 Protect Minnesota
 Protest Easy Guns
 Psychiatrists for Gun Violence Prevention
 Rabbis Against Gun Violence
 Radnor Residents for Gun Safety
 Raleigh Brady, North Carolina
 Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association
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 Resistance Seacoast
 Resolve for Gunsense Indiana
 Rhode Island Brady
 Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence
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 Rutgers University Brady, New Jersey
 Sacramento Valley Brady, California
 Sacred Ground Ministries
 Safe Campus Colorado
 SAFE Illinois
 Safe Tennessee Project
 Safer CA PAC
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 San Diegans for Gun Violence Prevention
 San Diego Brady, California
 San Fernando Valley Brady, California
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 San Joaquin Valley (Brady), California
 San Luis Obispo (Brady), California
 San Mateo County Brady, California

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