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## **ACTION ALERT**

### **Call Now to #EndTheBan on CDC Research into Gun Violence**

Call now to end the ban on funding research into gun violence prevention. The phone numbers for Oregon's congressional delegation are listed below. Don't know your legislator? - [Check here](#)

For nearly twenty years the Center for Disease Control has not been able to study ways to reduce gun violence. Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and Rep. Nita Lowey both issued statements yesterday calling for ending the ban on gun violence research in the spending bill currently being negotiated. [The Washington Post reported](#) that Speaker Paul Ryan's office speculated that the ban "could be an area of compromise" in the spending negotiations.

At this point, reports indicate that the funding bill text is not final and that Democrats are holding on 7 different riders. There is no evidence that the CDC rider is not among those. It's anticipated that the details of the funding bill will come out tonight and until that time we need your help to keep the pressure on.

It is critical that your members of Congress hear from you in support of gun violence research. If you can't call today, please call tonight or tomorrow with a brief message.

### **Let your members of Congress know that:**

- You are a constituent and gun violence prevention is a top priority for you.
- Gun violence is one of the leading causes of preventable death in our country and we must take a comprehensive public health approach to address this ongoing crisis.
- We need evidence-based research to identify programs that prevent gun violence prevention.
- Congress must strike the language in the spending bill that has effectively banned gun violence research for nearly 20 years and provide adequate and unrestricted funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other scientific agencies to research the causes of gun violence and develop prevention strategies.

### **Oregon's Congressional Delegation:**

- Rep. Suzanne Bonamici 503-469-6010
- Rep. Peter DeFazio: 541-465-6732
- Rep. Earl Blumenaer: 503-231-2300
- Rep. Kurt Shrader: 503-557-1324
- Rep. Greg Walden: 541-389-4408

Every call makes a difference so please share this with your friends. Learn more at [Ceasefire Oregon](#).

### **CDC Gun Research Meeting**

Please RSVP here for the upcoming [Doctors for America](#) meeting on **Thursday, December 17 at 1pm**.

The meeting will be held in Washington DC, but there will be a call- in number for those who cannot attend in person. [Please RSVP here](#) to receive the call- in number.

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