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## ACTION ALERT

### **Americans for Responsible Solutions: 2015 Gun violence Legislative Agenda**

**Sign-on to the ARS letter to prevent gun violence**

Dear OPHA Member,

Gun violence has reached epidemic proportions in our state and nation and should be understood and treated as a public health crisis. A public health approach has been successful in reducing death and disability from infectious diseases, automobile accidents, unsafe food, and consumer products. But similar strategies have not been put in effect to address injuries and fatalities from firearms. We see the tragic result of these policy failures in our work. Here in Oregon, there are more fatalities a year from firearms than from motor vehicle traffic accidents or unintentional poisoning.

**Americans for Responsible Solutions is calling for the following legislative actions in the 2015 Oregon Legislative Session:**

- Establish universal background checks to close the loopholes that give criminals, domestic abusers, and the dangerously mentally ill easy access to guns.
- Ensure gun owners who have children present in their households store firearms safely to prevent unpermitted children's access to firearms.
- Prohibit people convicted of domestic violence misdemeanors and/or subject to a domestic violence protection order from possessing firearms.

### **Take Action!**

It is time for the Legislature to take action to confront the epidemic of gun violence in our communities. If you would like to join ARS in support of these proposals please consider the following options:

- **Sign-on to the Letter of Support** - Please send your name, title and contact info to [Zak Kozberg](#) or [Jim Scott](#) to have your name listed. [Download the full letter of support here.](#)
- **Call Your Senator Today** - Fill out the form on [this page](#), your phone will ring, and you'll be connected with your Senator.
- **Sign the Petition** - Sign the [ARS petition](#) calling on Congress to enact expanded background checks for gun purchases.
- **Take the Poll** - Fill out [this form](#) to make your voice heard.
- **Spread the Word** - Share [this information](#) through social media.

For more information visit <http://americansforresponsiblesolutions.org/>.

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