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From the Office of the City Council

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Office of Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Schumer,

On behalf of the City of Costa Mesa, the City Council writes to express our support for H.R. 8, the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021.

The City of Costa Mesa, along with the nation, grieves the countless lives lost to gun violence. Families are forever and irreparably shattered by the senseless loss of their children and loved ones due to the current failure to require background checks of private gun sales and transfers. This failure leaves a large loophole, which allows convicted felons, those subject to domestic violence and other restraining orders, those who cannot safely own and operate weapons, and minors to obtain weapons which can be used to commit crimes, violate restraining orders, and otherwise cause preventable harm.

The City Council is not condemning all gun transfers or gun ownership, but is instead communicating a desire for ensuring proper background checks to protect the community by keeping weapons from those who cannot lawfully possess them.

The City of Costa Mesa urges the Senate to help cities across the country to protect the public’s safety and its constituents by closing the “gun show loophole” to ensure background checks for specified private gun sales. For these reasons, the City of Costa Mesa is in support of H.R. 8 as passed by the United States House of Representatives as of March 11, 2021.

Sincerely,

City Council
City of Costa Mesa

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