



Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America  
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**MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA HOLDING “LEMONADE STANDS” ACROSS THE COUNTRY**  
**Tells Congress “When Congress Gives Moms Lemons, We Make Lemonade: Get Back to Work on Gun Reform!”**

(Indianapolis, IN); Tues., July 30, 2013 – As Congress prepares to leave for its summer recess on August 1, members of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America are holding lemonade stands across the country to pressure Congress to pass background check legislation when they return in the fall.

The first lemonade stand will open on Thurs., Aug. 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Upper Senate Park on the U.S. Capitol Grounds (Constitution Ave NE & Delaware Ave NE). Legislators will stop by for a glass of lemonade between 10 a.m. and noon.

“Congress gave America lemons in April when the Senate failed to pass common-sense legislation that would have expanded background checks on all gun sales. Moms were disappointed by the Senate’s failure to act, but we were not deterred, and we’re making lemonade out of the lemons we were given,” said Jennifer Hoppe, program director for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. “Our lemonade stands are our way of taking a stand: American moms demand new and stronger gun laws, and we’re not going away. Congress must act to protect our children and families from gun violence.”

Lemonade stands will be held in cities at or near legislators’ in-district offices across the country, including Washington, DC; Tucson and Phoenix, AZ; San Diego, CA; Atlanta and Savannah, GA; Indianapolis, IN; Fancy Farm, KY; Tampa, FL; Boston, MA; Charlotte, Clemmons, Winston-Salem, and Durham, NC; Monmouth County and Morristown, NJ; Brooklyn, Rockland County and Hudson Valley, NY; Cleveland and Columbus, OH; Portland, OR; Harrisburg, PA; Nashville, TN; Austin and Houston, TX; Falls Church, VA. Additional lemonade stand locations will be added throughout August. For more information on lemonade stand locations and times, go to: <http://momsdemandaction.org/lemonade-stands-2013/>.

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“It is vitally important that we continue to beat the drum on common sense gun legislation, like background checks, that will help make our communities safer from gun violence. We have to continue to work to make our voices heard if we want to build the momentum we need to get Congress to act,” said Congresswoman Robin Kelly. “I support Moms Demand Action’s lemonade stand initiative, which is a novel way to refocus the nation’s attention on the need for common sense gun reform.”

Moms will be able to fill out postcards to their legislators at each lemonade stand asking their member of Congress to commit to working on new and stronger gun laws when they return from recess. In addition, all moms and members are being asked to share their “recipe” for lemonade with their members of Congress through social media. Lemonade recipe instructions can be found at <http://momsdemandaction.org/lemonade-stands-2013/>. Recipes should be emailed to [photos@momsdemandaction.org](mailto:photos@momsdemandaction.org), or Tweet and Instagram the photos using the #lemons2lemonade and #whatiadd.

“We are not going give up when it comes to passing common-sense legislation that will keep guns from criminals, terrorists and the dangerously mentally ill,” said House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force Chairman Mike Thompson. “The only thing more shameful than the minority of the Senate voting down background check legislation is the House refusing to vote at all. The bipartisan background check bill I’ve introduced respects the Second Amendment and will save lives. It deserves a vote.”

#### **About Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America**

Much like Mothers Against Drunk Driving was created to change laws regarding drunk driving, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America ([www.momsdemandaction.org](http://www.momsdemandaction.org)) was created to build support for common-sense gun reforms. The nonpartisan grassroots movement of American mothers is demanding new and stronger solutions to lax gun laws and loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our children and families. In just seven months, the organization has more than 100,000 members with more than 90 local chapters in 40 states across the country.

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