



Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT: MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA
REACTS TO GOV. CHRISTIE'S VETO OF COMMONSENSE GUN LAWS IN NEW JERSEY**

[Jersey City, New Jersey] Fri., Aug. 16, 2013: Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America is disappointed that Gov. Chris Christie vetoed bills tonight that would have improved background checks, mandated firearm safety training for new permit applicants, and banned a military style rifle that has no place in civilian life. The vast majority of New Jerseyans support these measures.

Ultimately, Gov. Christie chose to put politics above the safety of New Jersey children and families. Almost 200 Garden State residents have been shot and killed this year, and the state has endured an especially violent summer. The Governor's cowardly decision to veto these common-sense bills after business hours on a Friday indicates that he is aware that his actions are both wrong and unpopular.

Gov. Christie failed New Jersey families today. He had an opportunity to show true leadership and help make our families safer. He may have feared the wrath of the gun lobby, but the fierce determination of protective moms will be much harsher. We had hoped Gov. Christie would be a leader on gun reform. Instead, he chose to be a pawn. New Jersey moms will vote accordingly.

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) 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 eight months, the organization has more than 100,000 members with a chapter in every state in the country.

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