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**INDIANA MOMS OPPOSE SB229, BILL TO ALLOW FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY IN VEHICLES AND BUSES, AT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS OFF SCHOOL PROPERTY, AND AT COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS IN SCHOOLS**

***Moms Respond to Last-Minute Amendments to Bill, Urge Residents to Call the Speaker and Chairman of the Committee***

(Indianapolis, IN) March 3, 2014 – The Indiana chapter of Moms Demand Action is today calling on Speaker Brian Bosma and the House Public Policy Committee to stop the passage of Senate Bill 229, a dangerous bill that would expand the legal carrying of firearms on school property in vehicles, including buses, and at other school functions. The legislation includes amendments that were snuck into the bill at the 12<sup>th</sup> hour late last week before the bill’s expected vote today.

Among the late additions to SB229 are amendments to allow firearms in cars, and possibly buses, in school parking lots. The bill removes a school’s right, including private and charter schools, to enact any policy regarding guns on school buses or school parking lots. The bill will also allow individuals to carry guns to off-campus school functions such as field trips, prom or graduation. The redefinition of school property in the bill will, if passed, permit individuals to carry a gun to non-school functions even if the function is in a school building, such as a Cub Scout meeting or recreational sports activities.

“This bill is extremely dangerous because it means that firearms will be allowed near our children no matter where our children are. Guns will be allowed in parking lots, at graduation and prom venues held off school property,” said Nicki McNally, Indiana chapter leader of Moms Demand Action. “More guns in more places is not the answer.”

In addition, the bill needs clarification on whether bus drivers can carry a firearm while transporting students. As written, the bill suggests that school employees who

transport students would be allowed to carry a firearm in the transport vehicle and that schools are prohibited from adopting school policies to address this issue.

“Allowing expanded carry of firearms in school-related situations is dangerous because it will increase the risk of a gun-related incident,” McNally said. “We urge our fellow Hoosiers to call on Speaker Bosma and House Public Policy Committee Leader Tom Dermody to stop the passage of this dangerous bill.”

#### **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 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 one year, the organization has more than 140,000 members with a chapter in every state in the country. The group recently joined forces with [Mayors Against Illegal Guns](#), the largest gun violence prevention organization in the country. For more information or to get involved visit [www.momsdemandaction.org](http://www.momsdemandaction.org). Follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/MomsDemandAction](https://www.facebook.com/MomsDemandAction) or on Twitter @MomsDemand.

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