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Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Iowa Chapter

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IOWA CHAPTER OF MOMS DEMAND ACTION APPLAUDS LEGISLATURE FOR GUN SENSE ON STAND YOUR GROUND ISSUE

”Stand Your Ground” Bill Dies in Committee

(Des Moines, Iowa) Feb. 21, 2014 – The Iowa chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America came out in strong opposition to the Stand Your Ground legislation recently re-introduced in the Iowa House. Chapter leadership were prepared to attend the Iowa House of Representatives subcommittee hearing on Stand Your Ground H.F. 2113, and give testimony on how these laws could put children and families at risk.

“Moms are concerned about this bill, which shows an astonishing disregard for the value of human life. We know that if this bill were enacted, it could lead to mothers losing their sons and daughters in completely unnecessary, unjustified, and unconscionable tragedies,” said Ellyn Grimm, leader of the Iowa chapter of Moms Demand Action. “We are pleased that this bill will not be moving forward in this legislative session.”

Iowa law already contains strong self-defense provisions. The proposed Stand Your Ground legislation in Iowa would have gone one step further, giving individuals a license to use deadly force when an alternative course of action is available or if they feel threatened, even if they are later found to be wrong in their estimation of that threat.

A recent study by researchers at Texas A&M University analyzed Stand Your Ground laws in the 20 states that have enacted them, and found that these laws do nothing to deter burglary, robbery, or aggravated assault. Instead, the authors found that Stand Your Ground laws lead to a statistically significant 8 percent increase in homicides, which translates into an additional 600 homicides per year across states that have adopted these laws. According to an Urban Institute study, Stand Your Ground also disproportionately affects communities of color.

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. Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/MomsDemandAction or on Twitter [@MomsDemand](https://twitter.com/MomsDemand)

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