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**MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA
CALLS FOR THE RESIGNATION OF STATE
REPRESENTATIVE MARK PATTERSON; WILL PUSH FOR
CHANGES TO STATE LAWS THAT ALLOWED PATTERSON
TO KEEP GUN DESPITE FALSIFYING DOCUMENTS**

[Boise, ID] Nov. 18, 2013 – Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America is calling for the resignation of Rep. Mark Patterson (R-Boise) and a modification to a state law that exempts elected officials from all gun permit requirements.

In 2007 and 2012, Patterson falsified information on his concealed carry permit application by failing to disclose that he had plead guilty to an assault with intent to commit rape charge in 1974. This criminal offense should disqualify him from obtaining a concealed carry permit. Once discovered, the Ada County Sheriff revoked his permit.

However, current Idaho law states that elected officials are exempt from license requirements for concealed carry of firearms as long as they hold office. As a result, Patterson can

still legally conceal carry his firearm without a permit, and with a known criminal record that would bar ordinary citizens.

“This double-standard law must change so that elected officials are held to the same standards as the citizens of Idaho,” said Idaho chapter member Teddi Streans. “Moms Demand Action calls for the immediate resignation of Patterson and for lawmakers to hold a hearing to modify this ineffective and unjust law.”

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

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