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**MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA
WISCONSIN CHAPTER TO HOLD DOMESTIC GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS EVENT**

**Moms Demand Action-Wisconsin Chapter will host a Press Conference Highlighting the
Need for Stronger Gun Background Check Legislation**

(Milwaukee, WI) Oct. 18, 2013: In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America has launched a national domestic gun violence awareness campaign to push for stronger policies surrounding domestic violence and gun ownership.

The local Wisconsin Chapter will be participating with a press conference on October 21, 2013 at noon outside the Federal Courthouse in downtown Milwaukee. October 21 is the one-year anniversary of the mass shooting at the Azana Spa in Brookfield, Wisconsin in which three women were killed.

Featured speakers will include Elvin Daniel, brother of Zina Daniel, who was murdered along with two of her co-workers in the spa shooting. Daniel will be collecting letters to deliver to the Wisconsin Congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. demanding a vote on expanded background checks for internet gun purchases. Zina was shot and killed by her ex-husband, Radcliffe Houghton, despite having a restraining order against him that should have prevented him from buying a gun--Houghton was able to exploit the internet sales loophole in the federal background check law to obtain the murder weapon.

Moms Demand Action is partnering with the Violence Policy Center (VPC) to promote its report, [*When Men Murder Women: An Analysis of 2011 Homicide Data*](#), released Sept. 25, 2013, which analyzes incidents of females murdered by males in single victim/single offender homicides in 2011.

According to the new report:

- Firearms—especially handguns—were the most common weapon used by males to murder females in 2011.
- Of the females killed with a firearm, nearly two-thirds were murdered by male intimates.
- The number of females shot and killed by their husband or intimate acquaintance (489 victims) was more than five times higher than the total number murdered by male strangers using all weapons combined (92 victims) in single victim/single offender incidents in 2011.

In addition, a recent Wisconsin-focused report from End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin found that since 2000, at least 53 Wisconsin murder victims have been killed by domestic abusers with illegal guns, while another 189 have been killed by abusers with legally obtained guns.

"We are asking Congress to protect women from domestic abusers by immediately enacting common-sense reforms that will help keep guns out of dangerous hands," said Anneliese Dickman, member of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America – Wisconsin Chapter. "It is far too easy for an abuser or someone with a domestic violence conviction to get his hands on a gun without a background check. We urgently need better policies that protect women and their families from this senseless violence. No American, adult or child, should live in a perpetual state of fear. It's inhumane."

Moms Demand Action is asking for:

- Members of the House to co-sponsor H.R. 1565, the King/Thompson bill, which would extend background checks to private and online sales of firearms.
- The Senate to bring the Manchin/Toomey bill back to the Senate floor and pass it. This legislation would also expand the background check system and close loopholes that would help keep guns out of dangerous hands.
- Both chambers to commit to working on and supporting legislation to protect abused women, like S. 1290, the "Protecting Domestic Violence and Stalking Victims Act of 2013;" H.R. 2648, the "Keeping Guns from High Risk Individuals Act;" H.R. 1914, the "Preventing Victims of Stalking Act of 2013;" and, H.R. 1177, the "Domestic Violence Survivor Protection Act."

"I'm a gun owner, a hunter, and a member of the National Rifle Association," wrote Elvin Daniel in a recent op-ed. "I believe in the Second Amendment, but I also believe in sensible gun laws. I've seen how devastating gun violence can be. And I know that Radcliffe never should have been able to buy a gun online without a background check. A background check would have saved my sister's life."

As part of the domestic gun violence awareness campaign, Moms Demand Action is encouraging moms to create and decorate a number "9" to represent the nine women who lose their lives each week to domestic gun violence. The "9" will be sent electronically and delivered in-person to members of Congress. <http://momsdemandaction.org/domestic-gun-violence/>

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 nine 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.