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***STATEMENT***

**MONTANA MOMS DEMAND ACTION CHAPTER RESPONDS TO TRAGIC SHOOTING OF  
TEENAGE FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT**

(Missoula, MT) May 2, 2014– Our community is shocked and saddened by the shooting of a 17-year-old exchange student weeks before his return home to Germany. It's an unspeakable tragedy, and any mom and dad in Missoula right now is asking how this could happen. This is a reminder of the tragic toll that gun violence takes on our communities. 86 Americans are shot and killed every day in this country. This epidemic is why we started a chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America in Montana -- to fight for common-sense gun laws that will reduce senseless 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. Since its inception after the Sandy Hook Elementary mass shooting, Moms Demand Action has established a chapter in every state of the country and is part of Everytown for Gun Safety along with Mayors Against Illegal Guns. Everytown is the largest gun violence prevention organization in the country with more than 1.5 million supporters including moms, mayors, survivors, and everyday Americans who are fighting for reforms that respect the Second Amendment and protect people. For more information or to get involved visit [www.momsdemandaction.org](http://www.momsdemandaction.org). Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MomsDemandAction](http://www.facebook.com/MomsDemandAction) or on Twitter at [@MomsDemand](https://twitter.com/MomsDemand)

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