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**STATEMENT FROM MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOUNDER SHANNON WATTS ON
SCHOOL SHOOTING IN ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

(Indianapolis, IN) Jan. 14, 2013 – In response to a school shooting today in Roswell, New Mexico, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense for America released the following statement from its founder Shannon Watts:

“We are shaken and saddened by the news out of Roswell, N.M., today – the 30th school shooting since the tragedy in Newtown. Schools should be safe havens for our children – yet once again, we are reminded of the failure of our leaders to act to prevent gun violence. For the families in Roswell, for our families and families everywhere, we refuse to be silent about the epidemic of gun violence in America. We demand better from our country; we demand a safer future for our children.”

According to the Center for American Progress, New Mexico's gun death rate is 40 percent higher than the national average, making it the 10th worst state for gun deaths. In [New Mexico](#), children ages 0–19 are killed by guns at a rate almost 60 percent higher than the national average and are murdered by guns at almost 40 percent above the national average.

To mark the first anniversary of the Newtown shooting just one month ago today, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense In America and Mayors Against Illegal Guns released an ad to call for "No More Silence" on the gun violence that affects all of our communities. The ad depicts a shooter entering a school and can be viewed here:

30 Second Spot <http://youtu.be/ceVewhLbuQU>

60 Second Spot <http://youtu.be/O5SOMuP8rqq>

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 130,000 members with a chapter in every state in the country. The group recently announced it is joining 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](#)

About Mayors Against Illegal Guns

Since its creation in April 2006, Mayors Against Illegal Guns has grown from 15 mayors of major American cities to more than 1.5 million grassroots supporters – making us the largest gun violence prevention advocacy organization in the country. The bipartisan coalition, founded by former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and former Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, has united the nation’s mayors around these common goals: protecting communities by holding gun offenders accountable; demanding access to crime gun trace data that is critical to law enforcement efforts to combat gun trafficking; and working with legislators to fix weaknesses and loopholes in the law that make it far too easy for criminals and other dangerous people to get guns. Learn more at www.mayorsagainstillegalguns.org

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