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**STATEMENT ON THE SHOOTING DEATH OF COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
CLAIRE DAVIS BY MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA**

(Indianapolis, IN) Dec. 21, 2013 – As mothers, we are devastated by the death of Claire Davis, a 17-year-old high school student who was shot and killed in the sanctity of her American high school on Dec. 13, the day before the year anniversary of the tragic mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary. Today we are all Claire's mother, and we are enraged by the continued inaction of our Congress, who sit by as eight children or teens are shot and killed every day. What does it say about our country that we consider our children's lives so expendable?

Claire was murdered by an 18-year-old high school senior who was legally able to purchase a shotgun and ammunition. The gunman would have had to be 21 to purchase a handgun. This shooting, the 28th school shooting in America since Newtown, underscores yet again an urgent need for federal and state legislative action on new and stronger gun laws that will address the epidemic of gun violence that threatens the safety of our children and families.

In honor of Claire's life, cut short by a shooting that was avoidable and senseless, and all of the victims of gun violence in our country, American mothers will continue to fight for gun reform until Congress and our state legislatures enact real, meaningful solutions.

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 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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