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**MOMS DEMAND ACTION STATEMENT ON TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SECOND REJECTION OF SAXET GUN SHOWS CONTRACT
WITHOUT BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL FIREARMS SALES AT GUN SHOWS AT
TRAVIS COUNTY EXPO CENTER**

**Lease of County Facility to Gun Show Promoter will Expire Due to SAXET'S Refusal to
Require Background Checks on all Gun Sales at its Gun Shows**

(Austin, TX) Jan. 21, 2014 – Statement from Hilary Rand, Texas regional manager of Moms Demand Action: The Texas chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America is grateful that the Travis County Commissioners insisted today that background checks must be completed on all gun purchases at Saxet Gun Shows held at the Travis County Expo Center. The hearing was requested by management at Saxet Gun Shows in an attempt to reverse the Commissioners' decision not to renew their original contract two weeks ago.

The Travis County Commissioners have once again stood up for public safety, despite tremendous pressure from the gun lobby. Background checks are the single most effective way to keep guns out of the hands of convicted felons, domestic abusers, and the dangerously mentally ill. This straightforward requirement is easy, effective, and helps save lives. As a Texas mom, I appreciate the courage and leadership of the Commissioners by insisting on safety measures that will help protect our children and families.

Representatives from the Texas chapter of Moms Demand Action provided testimony at both hearings on behalf of requiring background checks at gun shows. Current law requires background checks be performed by licensed dealers. However, *unlicensed* sellers at gun shows and through Internet sites sell millions of guns every year, with no background check whatsoever, including at the Saxet Gun Shows held nearly every month at the Travis County Expo Center since 2010.

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 joined 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](#)

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