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Majority Leader Mitch McConnell
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

CC: ALL MEMBERS OF THE 116TH SENATE

Dear Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell,

We are families and survivors directly impacted by gun violence in America and we are writing to demand an immediate hearing and a vote on [S. 42](#), the Background Check Expansion Act, sponsored by Senator Chris Murphy from Connecticut and cosponsored by [41 other Senators](#).

The House of Representatives passed Representative Mike Thompson's bill [H.R.8 - Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019 with 240 votes](#) and [Representative James Clyburn's bill H.R.1112 - Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019 with 228 votes](#) over 100 days ago and there has been no action on S. 42 in the Senate. Meanwhile, an average of 108 people are being killed and hundreds more are being injured by guns in America every single day.

Many of us are living our daily lives without our child, sister, brother, mother, father, other family members, best friends or people we love. Many of us also suffer from physical and emotional trauma due to gun violence. We know that more can be done to reduce gun violence in America and it is reckless for you to block a hearing and a vote on a gun violence prevention bill that is supported by 97% of Americans. There is simply no sound rationale to block a federal law to require background checks on all gun sales.

We deserve a hearing and a vote on S. 42 NOW because [#BackgroundChecksSaveLives!](#)

Respectfully,
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