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Dear Coalition Member:

On behalf of all of us at Mayors Against Illegal Guns, we would like to thank you for joining the over one thousand mayors nationwide leading the fight to reduce gun violence.

Enclosed you will find a copy of *Reducing Gun Violence in America: Informing Policy with Evidence and Analysis* by Daniel W. Webster and Jon S. Vernick, and published by Johns Hopkins University Press with a foreword by coalition co-founder New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. The report reflects what mayors like you already know – common-sense measures to reduce gun violence are needed, and they work.

After convening more than 20 of the world's leading experts at Johns Hopkins University, the report's authors recommend, among other things:

- Establishing a universal background check system for all firearm purchases;
- Finding new ways to push states to get all qualifying records into the NCIS background check system; and
- Providing funding to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes of Health, and other federal agencies so they can adequately research and understand the causes and implications of gun violence

We hope you find this report useful. And we want to thank you again for your steadfast commitment and for joining over 1,000 mayors, over 1.5 million grassroots supporters and the over 90% of Americans who know that common-sense measures like back ground checks save lives. We look forward to continuing in our work together to reduce gun violence in America.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Mayors Against Illegal Guns