

GRANDPARENTS AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

FACEBOOK POST

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Once again, we are faced with another school shooting. Tonight, we know that 17 people have died and 14 are injured in Parkland Florida. And tonight, we know that there have been 18 school shootings in just the first 44 days of this year. Once again, we are called upon to share our feelings - yet it seems there is nothing new to say. We have heard and said it all before. We are appalled. We are shocked. We are sad. We are mad. We are frustrated and angry that our Congress will do nothing to help prevent these tragic events. Why is it still possible to buy an AR-15, military weapon in this country? Why are 40% of guns sold without a background check – enabling dangerous people to purchase them at will. Why is it that all we have to offer the grieving families is our thoughts and prayers?

We have spoken out before and and we will continue. We must let our elected officials know if they will not stand up to the gun manufacturers and the NRA, we will work to replace them with people who will. It is long past time to wait for common sense gun laws. While we recognize the rights granted in the 2nd amendment, we also recognize the rights of all of us be safe from gun violence and to know that our children can be safe at home, at school and in our community. And so, no matter how frustrating it can be, that fight is what we owe the grieving families...along with our thoughts and prayers.