

Heeding God's Call

to End Gun Violence

President Biden Calls on Congress for Gun Violence Prevention on the Eighth Anniversary of the Sandy Hook Massacre

On the eighth anniversary of the Sandy Hook massacre (Dec 14), President Biden called on the US Congress to move diverse existing legislation intended to improve regulation of sales, transfers and possession of guns, as well as restricting or prohibiting certain uses (<u>Biden pleads for Congress to act on gun control as he marks 9th anniversary of Sandy Hook shooting - The Washington Post</u>).

The President's call is exemplary, but there is sadly little evident urgency at present in Washington to enact new gun violence prevention legislation, despite the unprecedented growth of gun injury and death during the pandemic.

Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence's attention will likely be intensely focused on state legislation in the coming year, especially PA's One Handgun A Month bill (HB 413, Zabel - Delco). We are engaging currently in a strategic review of potential 2022 goals and actions and are likely to seek, among other initiatives, to educate voters on the positions of candidates on legislation on guns for the November elections. We will keep you posted.

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Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence (Heeding) is a faith-based and grassroots organization devoted solely to saving lives from the uniquely American scourge of gun violence. Heeding is headquartered in Philadelphia, with volunteer chapters in the Mid-Atlantic. Heeding's activities include using faithful public pressure to persuade gun retailers to eschew sales to those who would resell guns on the street, public interfaith Murder Site Witnesses in effected neighborhoods, installations of Memorials to the Lost Monoring local victims of gun violence and more.

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