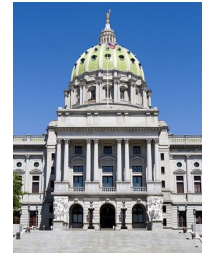


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SPEAKER MCCLINTON, LEGISLATORS, ORGANIZATIONS GATHER TO END GUN VIOLENCE

By Daniel Sachetta, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | April 8, 2025

House Speaker Johanna McClinton (D-Philadelphia), elected officials and representatives from gun violence organizations held a press conference on the Capitol Steps today to speak about passing legislation to end gun violence in Pennsylvania.

Adam Garber, executive director, CeaseFirePA, emphasized the urgent need to end gun violence in Pennsylvania. He noted nearly 2,000 deaths in a year from shootings, suicides and unintentional shootings. He praised the collective efforts that led to a 38% reduction in gun deaths statewide over the last two years and stressed the importance of continuing these efforts through policies to further reduce gun violence. He highlighted progress in advancing life-saving gun policies, including bipartisan bills on extreme risk protection orders, universal background checks and a ghost gun ban. He emphasized the need for further action to prevent the conversion of handguns into machine guns. He detailed the importance of addressing firearm trafficking, thanking the CeaseFirePA team and volunteers for their efforts.

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