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Florida's gun violence epidemic is simply unacceptable. We believe it's time for a Plan — *A Peace Plan For A Safer Florida*.

March For Our Lives' A Peace Plan For A Safer America is a bold, comprehensive national proposal with the goal of halving the rate of gun deaths in our country in 10 years. It lays out clear actionable goals and steps which all three branches of the federal government should take. As the Florida chapter of March For Our Lives, we are proud to introduce our Peace Plan For A Safer Florida: inspired by and based off of the national plan but tailored to the needs of our state. As an affiliate of the national March For Our Lives organization, we will continue to pressure our federal representatives to enact common sense gun reform laid out in the Peace Plan. However, we know that an issue as multifaceted as gun violence requires a multi-tactical approach, which includes state and local governments — where many of the gains on gun violence prevention have been made in the last few years. Our Peace Plan For A Safer Florida lays out specific legislation introduced within the current legislature that is consistent with the goals and values of both the national and Florida Peace Plans. Furthermore, we encourage the Florida legislature to look at the Peace Plan For A Safer America as a guiding document for what further reforms

need to be considered and introduced at the state level — such as licensing and registration for all guns and ammunition.



We believe in **C.H.A.N.G.E.** — six bold steps that Florida's leadership must take to address this gun violence epidemic at home:

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CHANGE THE STANDARDS OF GUN OWNERSHIP

For decades, the NRA and gun lobby have focused on a single goal: keeping the standards for gun ownership dangerously low. In order to make a sizable difference in reducing gun violence, we need to do the complete opposite: raise the bar for gun ownership and responsibility in Florida.

From a public health perspective, it should be as difficult to buy and transfer a firearm as it is to buy and transfer an automobile. Following the decades of regulating cars through safety improvements such as airbags and seatbelts, the country saw a dramatic improvement in automobile safety.

In 2018, after the Parkland shooting killed 17 students and teachers, the Florida legislature *finally* took action on the issue of gun violence. Although the Marjory Stoneman Douglas School Safety Act included improvements such as raising the gun purchasing age and implementing Extreme Risk Protection Orders, not enough has been done to prevent gun violence in the state of Florida.

Domestic Violence

Firearms make intimate partner violence all the more dangerous; American women are five times more likely to be killed in a

domestic violence incident when there is a gun present in the home.

In Florida, it is legal for individuals convicted of domestic violence misdemeanors to purchase and possess firearms and ammunition; this is known as the “boyfriend loophole”. We are calling for an end to this dangerous loophole and for the Florida government to value the lives of those impacted by domestic violence.

[HB 499](#) / [SB 718](#) - Domestic Violence

Revises prohibition on sale or transfer of firearms to persons convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence offenses; prohibits persons convicted of misdemeanor offense of domestic violence from possessing firearms or ammunition; requires persons convicted of misdemeanor offenses of domestic violence to surrender all firearms and ammunition; provides requirements for law enforcement officers carrying out court order & taking possession of firearms & ammunition; requires all law enforcement agencies to develop certain policies & procedures; authorizes defendant to elect to transfer all firearms & ammunition that he or she owns to another person.

Close the Ammunition Loophole

Currently in Florida, those prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm are prohibited from buying ammunition. However, Florida law does not require that vendors run background checks on ammunition purchases. We must ensure

that those buying ammunition are individuals that have been permitted to do so, thus adding an extra step to ensure our safety.

[HB 289/ SB 460](#) - *Sales of Ammunition/ Jaime's Law*

Requires a background check to be run on all sales of ammunition, closing the ammo loophole.

[HB 291/ SB 462](#) - *Public Records/ Buyer or Transferee/ Ammunition*

Providing an exemption from public record requirements for records containing certain information pertaining to a buyer or transferee who is not found to be prohibited from receipt or transfer of ammunition; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

Concealed Carry

Florida currently allows residents 21 years or older to conceal carry under certain restrictions set at the federal level. Florida law does not require a mental health evaluation as part of the concealed carry license procedure. In addition, this allows carriers to bring guns into public places, effectively putting Floridians at risk.

[HB 117](#) - *Concealed Weapons or Concealed Firearms Licensing*

Requires applicants to have undergone a mental health evaluation & been determined to be competent or provide a letter from a specified professional as to

competency before purchasing a concealed weapon or ammunition

[HB 245 / SB 398](#) - *Concealed Weapons and Firearms*

Prohibits concealed weapon or firearm licensee from openly carrying a handgun or carrying a concealed weapon or firearm into any childcare facility.



Ban Assault Weapons

Sixty percent of Floridians support a ban on assault weapons, yet our legislature refuses to bring this bill to the floor. Floridians deserve to live without the fear of another mass shooting, which is why we need to ban the sale of assault weapons.

BAWN FL Campaign

Citizens can petition through the ballot initiative process to place an amendment on the 2020 ballot halting the sale of military-grade weapons. This campaign allows Floridians to vote to amend the constitution by participating in direct democracy. Sign the petition to help save lives and make Florida safe at bawnfl.org.

HB 627 - Assault Weapons and Large-Capacity Magazines

Prohibits sale, transfers, or possession of assault weapon or large-capacity ammunition magazine; provides exceptions; requires certificates of possession for assault weapons or large-capacity ammunition magazines lawfully possessed before specified date; provides conditions for continued possession of such weapons or large-capacity ammunition magazines; requires certificates of transfer for transfers of assault weapons or large-capacity magazines; provides for relinquishment of assault weapons or large-capacity magazines; provides requirements for transportation of assault weapons; provides enhanced criminal penalties for certain offenses when committed with assault weapon or large-capacity magazine.

Additional Legislation

SB 266 - *Safe Storage of Loaded Firearms*

Revising the locations and circumstances in which a loaded firearm is required to be kept or secured with a trigger lock; deleting conditions that pertain to the crime of failing to safely store, leave, or secure a loaded firearm in a specified manner, etc.

HB 6009 / SB 134 - *Preemption of firearms and ammunition*

Repeals provisions preempting the field of regulation of firearms & ammunition to Legislature, to the exclusion of local jurisdictions.

HB 47 / SB 114 - *Risk Protection Orders*

Allows an individual who has a biological or legal parent-child relationship with, who is the legal guardian of, or who is a spouse or sibling of a person to seek a risk protection order.

SB 794 - *Large Capacity Magazines*

Prohibiting the importing into this state, or distributing, transporting, transferring, selling, or giving within this state, of large-capacity magazines; providing criminal penalties; prohibiting the possession of large-capacity magazines; providing exceptions; specifying circumstances in which the manufacturer or transportation of large-capacity magazines is not prohibited, etc.

SB 310 - *Three-Dimensional Printed Firearms*

Prohibiting a person from printing, transferring, importing into this state, distributing, selling, possessing, or giving to another person certain 3D-printed firearms as of a specified date; providing criminal penalties; requiring persons in possession of such firearms to relinquish them to a law enforcement agency or to the Department of Law Enforcement or to destroy them before the prohibition takes effect, etc.

HALVE THE RATE OF GUN DEATHS IN 10 YEARS

Every year in Florida, approximately 3,000 people die from gun violence, equating to one death every 3 hours. Countless communities across the state of Florida have been ravaged by the epidemic of gun violence. It's time that Florida legislators take a stand for peace and pass comprehensive gun reform.

It is imperative that we cut the rate of gun violence in half within the next 10 years. In order to protect vulnerable communities and everyday citizens from becoming survivors of gun violence, we must vow to take an audacious approach to our gun crisis.

Demand that the Governor declares a State of Emergency around Gun Violence

In Florida, 63% of gun violence deaths are a result of suicide by firearm and 35% of deaths are homicide cases. Gun violence is oftentimes rooted in racism and xenophobia. In Florida, Black people are 7 times more likely to die by gun homicide. Therefore, we call on the Governor to declare gun violence as a public health crisis in Florida in order to effectively protect Floridian constituents.

Expand University Grants to Include Gun Violence Research

In 1996, Congress took away dedicated federal funding for gun violence research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Therefore, despite a steady increase, gun violence research has gone unfunded for over 20 years. In order to investigate the full impact of gun violence in Florida, university grants should be extended to include gun violence studies so that our state universities can lead the nation-wide effort to understand the root causes of gun violence and develop effective solutions.

Reassign the Concealed Carry Licensing Program to the Department of State

Presently, Florida's concealed carry licensing program is the responsibility of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). In 2002, the program was moved from the Department of State to an elected department. In order to more effectively manage concealed carry applications and permits, this program should be reassigned to the Department of State.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE GUN LOBBY AND INDUSTRY

Hold the gun lobby and industry accountable for decades of illegal behavior and misguided policies intended to shield only themselves; conduct an investigation into NRA lobbyist Marion Hammer



Expose Marion Hammer & NRA lobbyists

For years, NRA lobbyists, such as Marion Hammer, have been described as some of the most influential lobbyists in the country. Collectively, they have been able to get away with claiming thousands of dollars in illegal loans and drafting false lobbying reports. Now is the time that Florida takes a stand against the NRA's illegal ways and investigates Marion Hammer for misconduct.

NAME A GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION TASK FORCE

The state legislature must create a Gun Violence Prevention Task Force. This task force will analyze and address all forms of gun violence, in addition to creating comprehensive solutions to prevent it on all fronts.

HB 201 / SB 652 - Urban Core Gun Violence Prevention Task Force

Creates Urban Core Gun Violence Task Force; provides for membership, staff support, & requirements for meetings; specifies duties & powers of task force; authorizes task force to seek assistance from state agencies; requires reports; provides for the repeal of task force.

GENERATE COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS

Fully fund targeted interventions addressing the intersectional dimensions of gun violence, including community-based urban violence reduction programs, suicide prevention programs, domestic violence prevention programs, mental and behavioral health service programs, and programs to address police violence in our communities.

Mental Health

In Florida, some 660,000 adults and 181,000 children live with serious mental illness ([Orlando Sentinel](#)). On top of that, only 36.3% of adults with mental illness in Florida receive any form of treatment from either the public system or private providers ([SAMHSA](#)). The remaining 63.7% receive no mental health treatment.

Sixty percent of all gun deaths in Florida span from suicide. We must fully fund and allocate resources for mental health and suicide prevention services in Florida, which will greatly help reduce gun suicides.

[HB 577 / SB 704](#) - *Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders*

Defining the term “first-episode psychosis program”; revising requirements for the annual state behavioral health assessment;

revising background screening requirements for certain peer specialists; requiring the Department of Children and Families to develop a training program for peer specialists and to give preference to trainers who are certified peer specialists; requiring the department to certify peer specialists directly or by approving a third-party credentialing entity, etc.

[SPB 7012](#) - *Mental Health*

Providing additional duties for the Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention; requiring the Department of Transportation to work with the office in developing a plan relating to evidence-based suicide deterrents in certain locations; requiring that certain information be provided to the guardian or representative of a minor patient released from involuntary examination; requiring specified persons to complete certain suicide prevention education courses by a specified date; providing that persons providing certain emergency care are not liable for civil damages or penalties under certain circumstances, etc.

Social Justice

[HR 51 / SR 222](#) - *White Nationalism and White Supremacy*

This bill rejects & condemns white nationalism & white supremacy as hateful expressions of intolerance that are contradictory to values that define people of Florida & the United States.



SB 562 - Use of Force by Law Enforcement Officers

Revising the circumstances under which a law enforcement officer is authorized to use objectively reasonable force; revising the circumstances under which a law enforcement officer is authorized to use deadly force; prohibiting a law enforcement officer from using deadly force against a person under certain circumstances, etc.

Repeal Stand Your Ground

Florida statute permits the use of deadly force on the basis of fear or threat of death or great bodily harm. This law allows for the unjust killings of innocent Floridian lives, including the life of Markeis McGlockton who was [murdered](#) over a parking dispute.

HB 463 - Implicit Bias Training

Requires that police officers, K-12 personnel, and judges receive training to reduce both voluntary and involuntary biases against people.

HB 161 / SB 206 - Prohibited Discrimination

Prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation & gender identity in public

lodging establishments & public food service establishments; revises provisions of Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 & Fair Housing Act to include sexual orientation & gender identity; provides an exception for constitutionally protected free exercise of religion.

HB 41 / SB 180 - Conversion Therapy

Gun violence disproportionately affects LGBTQ+ individuals, as seen at home in Orlando at Pulse. Suicide by firearms, fueled by conversion therapy, remains prevalent among LGBTQ youth. This bill prohibits specified licensees & practitioners from practicing or performing conversion therapy on an individual who is younger than specified age; provides that such licensee or practitioner is subject to disciplinary proceedings by DOH & appropriate board.

Additional Legislation

HB 419 - Citizen Oversight of Correctional Facilities

Creates Citizens Oversight Council within DOC; provides for membership & terms; specifies duties & responsibilities concerning correctional & juvenile facilities; prohibits interference with day-to-day operations of facilities; prohibits discussion of council business with certain persons.

EMPOWER THE NEXT GENERATION

We believe our generation must do our part to ensure a safe future and to make certain that we are the last generation that has to live with gun violence. In the state of Florida, our student organizers have put in the work by registering thousands of voters and establishing a #YouthVote campus presence at high schools and universities across the state.

We call on our state legislature to support an active and engaged electorate that accurately reflects the diverse backgrounds of the constituency that it represents. To do this, we must join the efforts of 16 other states and establish a vision for Automatic Voter Registration, along with lowering the voting age to 16 years of age in local elections.

Accountability in the MSD School Safety Commission

Students from across the state deserve to have a voice in the conversation of school safety. The MSD Commission has failed in allowing students to be heard in Commission meetings and as a result, March For Our Lives will be partnering with the Southern Poverty Law Center, along with Dream Defenders and Florida Student Power Network on a letter addressing the faults of

the Commission and their failure to allow the young people to be heard.

Expand Youth Voter Rights

Every public-funded college and university should have an early voting polling location, accessible to all students on campus. In addition, we urge Student Governments and universities to take the lead on expanding voting rights for students by adding a signature on Student ID's so they can be used as voter identification.

[HB 581](#) - Civic Education

Requires Commissioner of Education to develop a minimum criteria for nonpartisan civic literacy practicum & process to verify successful completion of such practicum; provides requirements for such practicum; requires SBE to annually designate public schools that meet specified criteria as Freedom Schools & establish criteria for designation as Freedom School; provides requirements for such criteria.





Keep Guns off Campus

Teachers want books, not bullets. Arm them with supplies, not guns. We are calling to reverse the decision on SB 7030, the expansion to The Guardian Program. Armed teachers put students of color, immigrant students, students with English as a second language, disabled students, and LGBTQ+ students at a heightened risk of violence and discrimination. We should not be arming this school-to-prison pipeline with a gun.

Amendment 4

In 2018, Floridians overwhelmingly voted to pass Amendment 4, restoring voting rights for up to 1.5 million people with prior felony convictions. However, in late 2018, the Florida legislature imposed a restriction that requires full payback of court fines and fees before voter restoration can occur. Essentially, these restrictions force citizens to settle tens of thousands of dollars in financial debt, effectively creating a modern-day poll tax. These restrictions are stopping voter restoration for millions of returning citizens, specifically disenfranchising African Americans.

HB 6007 - Restoration of Voting Rights

This bill would remove the requirement for former felons to pay off all fines, a modern-day poll tax.

ALL WE ARE SAYING IS, GIVE PEACE A CHANCE

We started March For Our Lives to say **not one more**. No more threats of gun violence in our places of learning. No more burying loved ones. No more American exceptionalism in all the wrong ways. In 2018, we marched in hundreds of demonstrations across the state. Then, we broke records at the ballot box with the largest increase in youth voter turnout.

In early 2019, students from March For Our Lives Florida stormed our capitol in Tallahassee against legislation that would put the lives of students and teachers at risk. Over 300 of us dropped everything to make the drive to Tallahassee, but still, we were shut out of the vote and the legislature armed our teachers.

Before leaving our #RallyInTally, we promised our legislators that **we will be back**.

This time, we are returning to Tallahassee, not to oppose any legislation or lead a protest, but to share our plan for reducing gun violence: A Peace Plan For a Safer Florida.

Our student organizers spent endless nights working between chemistry exams and band practice to research, develop, and introduce the most comprehensive policy

agenda to end gun violence right here at home.



Throughout our country's history, students have been at the forefront of progress, and what's happening here in FL is no exception.

We've planned far too many vigils for our friends who have been lost in school shootings, but we know this issue goes well beyond the walls of the classroom.

The trauma of gun violence terrorizes the streets of marginalized communities across the state— communities that are left out of the conversation despite their work in the Gun Violence Prevention space for generations long before us.

Enough. Is. Enough

Our *entire* generation is traumatized by the constant threat of gun violence, yet we choose peace.

And we hope you do, too.

