



Press Release

In response to the mass shooting at Parkland's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School

The Time to me to Act is Now!

"Thoughts and prayers," while nice, are not enough for a grieving mother whose child is lying dead as a victim of yet another mass shooting tragedy. Believing that, not only the prayers, but the actions of humans, are necessary; The Democratic Women's Club of Florida demands Congress and the state of Florida ACT on this issue to bring forth Common Sense gun legislation to protect the citizens of this nation.

The idea that we cannot stop every shooter with a particular type of legislation is not an excuse to do no legislation. We believe in Common Sense gun regulation and state the following clearly in our platform:

1. We support gun violence prevention and believe the right to own firearms is subject to reasonable regulations.
2. We support background checks for all gun sales, closing the gun show loophole, stronger assault weapons regulations, and limiting ammunition magazines to 10 rounds.
3. We oppose allowing guns in schools, including on college campuses.

We also believe that devices such as bump–fire stocks that allow semi-automatic weapons to fire at fully automatic rates should be banned and any grandfathered assault weapons should be stored using secure gun storage or safety devices like trigger locks. The Pew Research Center in June 2017 reported that 84% of Americans support expanding background checks to include private firearm sales and purchases at gun shows, including a majority of Republican respondents.

If you are a Democratic candidate or know of a Democratic candidate in Florida with these views, The Democratic Women's Club of Florida encourages you to seek our endorsement and financial assistance from our Political Committee.

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Let us work together to bring forth Common Sense gun legislation, which would not take the legally owned guns of our law abiding citizens, but would regulate the type of weapons available to the public. We will work with you to bring balance on the scales of justice to the right of our citizens to own firearms with the right of our children to life, liberty and happiness.

WE have been told many times that it is not the time to act after a mass shooting. Action should have taken place years ago. We cannot continue this inaction. We must act now.

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