

Subject: Tell Your Senators to Support Funding for Gun Violence Prevention Research

Today, **{insert organization here}** and the Pediatric Policy Council are joining with partner organizations for a day of action to **support gun violence prevention research funding.**

Every day, 83 children in the United States are injured or killed by guns. This represents a major public health crisis that jeopardizes children's health and safety.

As academics, we know that research can help us understand how to prevent gun injuries and deaths. Research has helped reduce child deaths from car accidents, smoking, and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. It's time to apply the same approach to reducing gun violence in our communities.

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a spending bill that provides \$50 million for public health research on gun violence prevention, and now the Senate must act.

Please consider adding your voice to today's efforts. The more voices coming together, the stronger our overall message:

- **Contact your U.S. senators:**
 - You can find your senators by going to [Senate.gov](https://www.senate.gov) and clicking "Find Your Senators." You can contact your senators directly through their websites using the form email below.
- **Share messages on social media:** Use #EndGunViolence and #ResearchSavesLives to join our efforts on social media. Here is the [list](#) for senators' Twitter handles. Sample posts below:
 - Research is essential to address the toll of gun violence in children's lives, whether through unintended shootings, suicide, homicide, or school shootings. That is why I am urging **{Insert Senator's Twitter Handle}** to fund gun violence prevention research. #EndGunViolence #ResearchSavesLives
 - Academic pediatricians see the toll gun violence takes on children and families every day. That is why I am urging **{Insert Senator's Twitter Handle}** to keep children safe by funding gun violence prevention research. #EndGunViolence #ResearchSavesLives

Thank you for adding your voice to these efforts and speaking out to protect children from gun violence.

Email form letter:

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Dear **{Insert Name of Senator}**:

As an academic pediatrician and a member of the **{Academic Pediatric Association/American Pediatric Society/Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs/Society for Pediatric Research}**, I am urging you to please support \$50 million in FY 2020 funding for public health research on gun violence prevention.

Every day, 83 children in the United States are injured or killed by guns. This represents a major public health crisis that jeopardizes children's health and safety. We need a rigorous scientific approach informed by research that can keep children safe and promote their lifelong health and wellbeing.

Federally funded public health research has helped reduce child deaths from car accidents, smoking, and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Research would help us understand what puts children at risk for injuries and deaths from guns so we can prevent them and implement life-saving interventions.

It's time to apply the same approach to reducing gun violence in our communities. Please provide \$50 million for public health research on gun violence prevention

Thank you for all you do for children in our state and across the country.