JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE EL PASO DELEGATION

Addressing Gun Violence & Hate Remains Priority For El Paso Delegation

"On August 3, 2019, El Paso was the target of a domestic terrorist. Racist and hateful public discourse radicalized a man who committed one of the deadliest mass shootings in Texas history, one that left twenty-three innocent people dead and dozens more injured. It is a day we will always remember. It is a day that still requires action from our state to properly heal.

"After August 3rd, state officials and stakeholders were united and committed to exploring ways to prevent these horrific tragedies. Through the Governor’s Texas Safety Commission and the legislature’s Select Committees on Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety, we worked hand in hand with state leaders and stakeholders to develop strategies and recommendations to combat extremist groups and domestic terrorism and keep guns out of the hands of criminals and dangerous people.

"The COVID-19 pandemic, which rightfully requires an all-level government response, has diverted attention from one tragedy to another. But the Texas Legislature is big enough and capable enough to solve a multitude of problems. It just requires the political will.

"In our first legislative session back since the El Paso shooting, we are committed to helping families and small businesses bounce back stronger from the COVID-19 pandemic, AND we remain committed to passing solutions to prevent future mass shootings. We can do both. We owe that to our community."

El Paso is proudly represented by Senator César J. Blanco, Representative Joe Moody, Representative Mary González, Representative Lina Ortega, Representative Art Fierro, and Representative Claudia Ordaz Perez.
Gun Violence Prevention Legislation Filed By
The El Paso Legislative Delegation (as of 2/2/21)

SCR 8, declaring gun violence a public health crisis.

SB 162, relating to a false or misleading statement made to illegally acquire a firearm; creating a criminal offense.

SB 163, relating to requiring a national instant criminal background check in connection with certain firearm transfers; creating a criminal offense.

SB 164, relating to notice for certain defendants regarding the unlawful possession or acquisition of a firearm or ammunition.

SB 553, relating to the timely reporting of criminal case dispositions to the Department of Public Safety and to the allocation of certain grant money.

SB 554, relating to the reporting of lost or stolen firearms and to proof of loss for personal property insurance coverage for those firearms; creating a criminal offense.

SB 555, relating to the unlawful possession of a firearm by persons convicted of offenses committed because of bias or prejudice or of certain felony offenses; creating a criminal offense.

SB 556, relating to the acquisition or attempted acquisition of a firearm by a person prohibited from possessing a firearm; creating a criminal offense.

HB 118, relating to requiring a national instant criminal background check in connection with private firearm transfers; creating a criminal offense.

HB 127, relating to the unlawful carrying of certain firearms; creating a criminal offense.

HB 129, relating to requiring a digital citizenship curriculum.

HB 231, relating to prohibiting the transfer of an assault weapon to certain recipients; creating a criminal offense; increasing a criminal penalty.

HB 234, relating to creating a criminal offense for the unlawful possession or transfer of a large-capacity magazine.

HB 241, relating to creating a criminal offense for the unlawful possession or transfer of an assault weapon.

HB 395, relating to extreme risk protective orders; creating criminal offenses.

HB 521, relating to the establishment and use of a voluntary registry of individuals experiencing mental illness who waive the right to purchase or receive transfer of a firearm; creating criminal offenses.

HB 693, relating to the prosecution of the offense of making a firearm accessible to a child; increasing a criminal penalty.

HB, 1016, relating to active shooter drills conducted by public schools.

HB 1253, relating to the creation of county task forces for the disposition of a firearm a person is prohibited from possessing under certain court orders related to family violence.