

## DEMOCRATS SUPPORT GUN/PUBLIC SAFETY

### THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

#### Compassion – Democracy - Freedom

- The **Bipartisan Safer Communities Act** (PL 117-159), signed into law on June 25, 2022, was the most comprehensive “**gun safety legislation**” in over 30 years!
- It expands **background checks** for gun purchases **under the age of 21**.
- It **closes the “boyfriend loophole”** by changing regulations on firearm purchases by those convicted of domestic violence. Previously, the law only regulated firearms purchases following domestic assault of a spouse or cohabitant. It expands this restriction to disqualify anyone found guilty of a domestic violence charge in a romantic relationship.
- It clarifies definitions of gun sellers and requires gun sellers to **register** with a Federal **Firearms License**.
- It makes it a **federal crime to traffic illegal firearms** into the United States.
- It makes it a **crime to make a straw purchase** by purchasing a firearm on behalf of someone who is not permitted to purchase a firearm.
- It prohibits the purchase of a firearm if the purchaser has committed a disqualifying crime while under 18 and requires an NICS background check to include the records of state governments and local law enforcement.
- It permits states to use grant **funds to implement crisis intervention programs**. These may include “red flag laws,” but the bill requires strict protections for due process, including the right to fair hearings and legal counsel and a high burden of proof.
- It provides for Medicaid to support states in creating **mental health services**, particularly in schools.
- It provides assistance to state governments by expanding the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic demonstration program and it requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to instruct states on how to provide telehealth services under Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program.
- It requires CMS to provide resources and guidance to state governments and schools in order to provide **mental health services in school settings**.
- States and Cities across the country have used the American Rescue Plan funding to **invest in public safety strategies** such as summer jobs for young adults and substance abuse and mental health services.
- Using fund from the American Rescue Plan, the Democrats have **funded the police and improved police accountability**. Over \$100 B in ARP funds have been committed to policing and other public safety efforts – including at least \$6.5B in State and local funds committed in more than 300 communities across the country.
- By Executive Action, President Biden has taken actions to reduce gun violence including by reigning in the proliferation of **ghost guns** and cracking down on gun traffickers and rogue gun dealers.

## TRUMP IS ANTI GUN SAFETY

### Cruelty – Authoritarianism - Fascism

- **Supports the NRA**. Said “no one will lay a finger on your firearm if I’m elected.”
- Says mass shootings are a mental health issues and then wants to cut funding for mental health care.

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