

Civil Rights and Gun Reform Orgs Show Solidarity, Demand Action Against White Supremacy

The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Voto Latino, MoveOn, and 100 other civil rights and gun reform organizations issued the below statement in response to the mass shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio:

“The tragedies of this past weekend represent a confluence of two dangerous forces: the rise of white supremacist terror and our federal government’s inaction on commonsense gun safety. Both deserve sweeping and consequential action by our elected leaders. Every person in our country should feel safe while shopping, enjoying a night out with friends, attending school or religious services, or engaging in any other lawful activity. Instead, white supremacist violence against communities of color, religious minorities, and other marginalized communities continues to escalate under the administration’s watch.

“When the president and his enablers routinely denigrate and dehumanize certain communities, he gives permission to white supremacists to commit horrific violence – violence that is at a level unprecedented in more than 20 years. None of this is acceptable. None of this is normal. Our organizations are united in saying that members of Congress can no longer look away as communities of color and religious minorities are murdered with impunity. It is not enough for Republican leadership in Congress to offer thoughts and prayers, nor should they repeatedly blame gun violence on mental illness – an unfounded and harmful trope. We must all unite and demand accountability.”

The signatories are listed below.

The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

The Leadership Conference Education Fund

Voto Latino

MoveOn

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Advancement Project National Office

America Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

American Federation of Teachers

American Humanist Association

American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

Amnesty International USA

Andrew Goodman Foundation

Anti-Defamation League

Arab American Institute

Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum

Asian Americans Advancing Justice – AAJC

Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)

Autistic Self Advocacy Network

Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

Bend the Arc: Jewish Action
Black Women's Roundtable
Black Youth Vote
Brennan Center for Justice
CAIR San Francisco Bay Area
Center for Community Change
Center for Community Self-Help
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
Center for Popular Democracy
Center for Reproductive Rights
Center for Responsible Lending
Coalition on Human Needs
Common Cause
Demos
Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund
End Citizens United Action Fund
Equal Justice Society
Faith in Public Life
Hip Hop Caucus
Hispanic Federation
Housing Choice Partners
Human Rights Campaign
Human Rights Watch
Institute for Policy Studies, New Internationalism Project
Interfaith Alliance
Japanese American Citizens League
Justice for Migrant Women
Justice in Aging
Lambda Legal
LatinoJustice
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
League of Women Voters
Matthew Shepard Foundation
Movement Advancement Project
Muslim Advocates
NAACP
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.
National Association of Human Rights Workers
National Association of Social Workers
National Center for Law and Economic Justice
National Center for Learning Disabilities
National Center for Lesbian Rights
National Center for Special Education in Charter Schools

National Center for Transgender Equality
National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD)
National Coalition on Black Civic Participation
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council on Independent Living
National Education Association
National Employment Law Project
National Fair Housing Alliance
National Health Law Program
National Hispanic Media Coalition
National Immigration Law Center
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health
National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund
National Organization for Women
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Urban Indian Family Coalition
National Urban League
National Women's Law Center
Native Organizers Alliance
OCA – Asian Pacific American Advocates
People For the American Way
PFLAG National
Planned Parenthood Action Fund
PolicyLink
Public Citizen
Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
SEIU
Shriver Center on Poverty Law
South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)
South Asian Network
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center – SEARAC
Southern Poverty Law Center
The Arc of the United States
The Sikh Coalition
UnidosUS
United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries
Voice of the Experienced
Welcoming America
Why Courts Matter – PA
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