

[Congress Can Help Prevent the Gun Violence We Just Saw in Parkland FL.](#)

Most Americans support stronger gun laws — laws that would reduce deaths. But Republicans in Congress stand in the way. They fear alienating the National Rifle Association. The NRA spends huge amounts each year to prevent Congress from passing common sense gun control. And our North Carolina Senators are top recipients. **Richard Burr received the 2nd most from the NRA of any senator (Number one was John McCain at \$7,740,521 most given during his bid for the White House) and Thom Tillis came in number 4.** Their thoughts and prayers are for the victims, but they refuse to do anything to avoid the next massacre.



Richard
Burr
N.C.

Since taking office in 2005 Burr has voted 6 times to loosen gun control regulations such as the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Bill, and the Feinstein Terror Gap Bill that would have regulated Bump Stocks

**\$6,986,620
from the
N.R.A.**



Thom
Tillis
N.C.

Tillis has only been in office since 2014 but has consistently voted to loosen gun regulations such as the Murphy Background Bill that would have required mandatory background checks on semi automatic weapons.

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N.R.A.**

* From the New York Times

Call to Action: Enough is enough!

Ask Senators Burr and Tillis to support meaningful gun regulation and a ban on semi-automatic weapons.

As of the writing of this Call to Action the NRA has made no comment regarding the shooting in Parkland, but this what they have said in the past:

“The only thing that stops a bad guy is good guy with a gun”- The first person killed at Parkland was an armed security guard.

“We can’t lose precious time debating laws that won’t work”- In Australia after a horrific school shooting their parliament enacted strict gun laws and a buy-back program that has reduced their school shootings to 0. That’s zero. As in none.

[Congress Can Help Prevent the Gun Violence in Our Schools.](#)

It is time for Congress to do something to stop gun violence. Tell your Members of Congress (MoCs) that their thoughts and prayers are not enough. By now we've all seen the chilling videos on social media, with loud gunfire echoing in the background, causing people to flee for their safety. Once again we have listened to the list of names of children and their protectors who perished in a hail of bullets. Can you imagine the anguish of being a parent waiting to hear from their child? What if you were the loved one who had to get the news that someone dear had died in a senseless act of terror?

Congress consistently voted to make it easier for national terrorists to commit these heinous acts. Silencers, and Bump Stocks have continued to be legal and available to people who are unstable thinking that the only way out of their pain is to kill. The NRA has paid millions of dollars to Republicans to ensure their silence and complicity. The NRA has successfully supplanted the will of the US population who overwhelmingly support sane gun laws.

Silencers have no purpose beyond muffling the sounds of gunshots. This makes it more difficult for people to escape gunfire or to intervene and protect others. There is absolutely no reason for this provision to become law. It has already made it out of committee and could be moved to the floor of the House for a vote at any time.

It's not nearly enough, but the very least that Congress can do right now to protect against gun violence is to strip the silencer provision out of the SHARE Act. As we mourn the violence in Vegas, call your MoCs right now and tell them that "thoughts and prayers" are not enough. Demand that they oppose the silencer provision.

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Thoughts and Prayers are not enough. The time has come to not just condemn acts of terror, and gun violence, but to support responsible policies that help prevent these acts of gun violence. The very least that Congress can do right now to protect against gun violence is to strip the silencer provision out of the SHARE Act.

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