450 MAYORS ASK THE U.S. SENATE:

WILL YOU STAND WITH US, OR GUT OUR PUBLIC SAFETY LAWS?

Dear Majority Leader Reid and the Members of the U.S. Senate:

The Senate is now considering dangerous legislation that would usurp the right of states to set their own minimum standards for distributing permits to those who wish to carry a concealed gun. The Thune Concealed Carry Amendment would require states to recognize permits issued in other states, even if those other states have far weaker laws.

We mayors strenuously oppose any federal attempt to strip cities and states of our right to set minimum standards for carrying concealed guns. Doing so would threaten the safety of our police officers, by making it far more difficult for them to separate law-abiding gun owners from common criminals. And it would make it easier for gun traffickers to sell illegally.

Majority Leader Reid: In your own state, the legislature has adopted sensible and constitutional standards for issuing concealed carry permits, including the required completion of a gun safety course approved by the Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association, which consists of a written exam and live-fire training with a certified instructor. Nevada also denies concealed carry permits to habitual alcohol abusers and people convicted of violent misdemeanors.

The Senate's concealed carry amendment would usurp Nevada law and erase all of its safeguards – as it would for nearly every other state.

Senators: We urge you not to gut your own state's public safety laws. Currently, 35 states deny permits to people convicted of certain misdemeanors; 31 states deny permits to alcohol abusers; and 31 states require applicants to complete gun safety training.

These minimum, common sense standards would effectively be eliminated by the proposed legislation. All concealed carry states would be forced to recognize permits issued by many states with no minimum standards at all.

Today, 450 mayors are asking you to stand with us to protect the public safety laws that your own states have adopted. Doing otherwise would undoubtedly result in the deaths of more innocent Americans.

Sincerely, Mayors Against Illegal Guns

Michael Bloomberg, NY, NY
Thomas Menino, Boston, MA
Larry P. Langford, Birmingham, AL
Thomas Henderson, Center Point, AL
Carroll L. Watson, Lincoln, AL
Samuel L. Jones, Mobile, AL
Ron Davis, Prichard, AL
Omar Neal, Tuskegee, AL
Carolyn Floyd, Kodiak, AK
Patrick Hays, North Little Rock, AR
Carl A. Redus, Pine Bluff, AR
Jane P. Kennedy, Campbell, CA
Cheryl Cox, Chula Vista, CA
Robert Wasserman, Fremont, CA
Marc Searl, Hemet, CA
Roosevelt F. Dorn, Inglewood, CA
Sukhee Kang, Irvine, CA
Larry Burrola, Irwindale, CA
Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles, CA
Rob Schroder, Martinez, CA
Jim Ridenour, Modesto, CA
Paul Eaton, Montclair, CA
Ronald V. Dellums, Oakland, CA
Sue Severson, Orinda, CA
Jean M. Benson, Palm Desert, CA
Pamela Torliatt, Petaluma, CA
Jennifer Hosterman, Pleasanton, CA
Jonathan Harrison, Redlands, CA
Gayle McLaughlin, Richmond, CA
Dennis Donohue, Salinas, CA
Patrick J. Morris, San Bernardino, CA
Jerry Sanders, San Diego, CA
Gavin Newsom, San Francisco, CA
Chuck Reed, San Jose, CA
Miguel Pulido, Santa Ana, CA
Marty Blum, Santa Barbara, CA
Susan Gorin, Santa Rosa, CA
Joseph D. Serrano, Sr., Santa Fe Springs, CA
Ken Genser, Santa Monica, CA
Paul Miller, Simi Valley, CA
Ann Johnston, Stockton, CA
Anthony Spitaleri, Sunnyvale, CA
Morris Vance, Vista, CA
Abbe Land, West Hollywood, CA
Christopher Cabaldon, West Sacramento, CA
John Hickenlooper, Denver, CO
Bill Finch, Bridgeport, CT
April Capone Almon, East Haven, CT
Eddie Perez, Hartford, CT
John DeStefano, New Haven, CT
Richard A. Moccia, Norwalk, CT
Dannel P. Malloy, Stamford, CT
Scott Slifka, West Hartford, CT
Adrian Fenty, Washington, DC
Carleton E. Carey Sr., Dover, DE
Vance A. Funk, III, Newark, DE
James M. Baker, Wilmington, DE
John S. Meserve, Atlantic Beach, FL
Manny Fernandez, Atlantis, FL
Susan Gottlieb, Aventura, FL
Perry Knight, Bowling Green, FL
Jerry Taylor, Boyton Beach, FL
Debby Eisinger, Cooper City, FL
Scott J. Brook, Coral Springs, FL
Linda Riner-Mizell, Dundee, FL
Joyce A. Davis, El Portal, FL
Bruce Malcolm, Fernandina Beach, FL
Jim Humphrey, Fort Myers, Florida
Charles Sanders, Greenwood, FL
Joy Cooper, Hallandale Beach, FL
Joseph S. Kroll, Haverhill, FL
Peter Bober, Hollywood, FL
Kenneth M. Shultz, Hypoluxo, FL
John Peyton, Jacksonville, Florida
Muriel H. Whitman, Kenneth City, FL
Mary Lou Hildreth, Keystone Heights, FL
Morgan McPherson, Key West, FL
Patricia Gerard, Largo, FL
Barrington Russell, Lauderdale Lakes, FL
Richard Kaplan, Lauderhill, FL
Roseann Minnet, Lauderdale By the Sea, FL
Patricia Shontz, Madeira Beach, FL
Gene Wright, Malone, FL
Manuel Diaz, Miami, FL
Matti H. Bower, Miami Beach, FL
Bill Barnett, Naples, FL
Harriet Pruette, Neptune Beach, FL
John Glanzer, Newberry, FL
Randall Wise, Niceville, FL
Andre Pierre, North Miami, FL
Raymond Marin, North Miami Beach, FL
David Norris, North Palm Beach, FL
Darla Lauer, Oak Hill, FL
Joseph L. Kelley, Opa-Locka, FL
Buddy Dyer, Orlando, FL
Fred Costello, Ormond Beach, FL
Carol McCormack, Palm Shores, FL
Emma Shoaff, Pembroke Park, FL
Frank C. Ortis, Pembroke Pines, FL
Lamar P. Fisher, Pompano Beach, FL
Patricia Christensen, Port St. Lucie, FL
John Marks, III, Tallahassee, FL
Beth Talabisco, Tamarac, FL
Pam Iorio, Tampa, FL
Beverly Billiris, Tarpon Springs, FL
Lois Frankel, West Palm Beach, FL
Gary Bruhn, Windermere, FL
John F. Bush, Winter Springs, FL
Heidi Davison, Athens-Clarke County, GA
Shirley Franklin, Atlanta, GA
Jere Wood, Roswell, GA
Otis Johnson, Savannah, GA
John Fretti, Valdosta, GA
Donnie Henriques, Woodstock, GA
Mufi Hannemann, Honolulu, HI
Richard Daley, Chicago, IL
Henderson Yarbrough, Sr., Maywood, IL
Christopher Koos, Normal, IL
Rita Mullins, Palatine, IL
John A. Spring, Quincy, IL
Lawrence J. Morrissey, Rockford, IL
Richard Hickman, Angola, IN
Fred L. Armstrong, Columbus, IN
Tom C. Henry, Fort Wayne, IN
Allan Kauffman, Goshen, IN
Tom Jones, Linton, IN
Stephen Luecke, South Bend, IN
Bruce Hosier, Portland, IN
Barbara Ewing, Tell City, IN
Ernest B. Wiggins, Warsaw, IN
Kay Halloran, Cedar Rapids, IA
T.M. Franklin Cownie, Des Moines, IA
Clausie W. Smith, Bonner Springs City, KS
Joe Reardon, Kansas City, KS
Larry G. Meeker, Lake Quivira, KS
Kenneth W. Bernard, Lansing, KS
Elaine Walker, Bowling Green, KY
John Link, Edgewood, Kentucky
Jerry Abramson, Louisville, KY
Susan Barto, Lyndon, KY
Melvin "Kip" Holden, Baton Rouge, LA
Albert Doughty, Benton, LA
Ray Nagin, New Orleans, LA
Cedric B. Glover, Shreveport, LA
Laurent F. Gilbert Sr., Lewiston, ME
Jill C. Duson, Portland, ME
Ellen Moyer, Annapolis, MD
Sheila Dixon, Baltimore, MD
Thatcher W. Kezer, III, Amesbury, MA
James E. Harrington, Brockton, MA
E. Denise Simmons, Cambridge, MA
Michael A. Tautznik, Easthampton, MA
Robert Correria, Fall River, MA
Mark Hawke, Gardner, MA
Jim Fiorentini, Haverhill, MA
Michael J. Sullivan, Holyoke, MA
Michael Sullivan, Lawrence, MA
Edward C. Caulfield, Lowell, MA
Richard C. Howard, Malden, MA
Scott Lang, New Bedford, MA
John F. Moak, Newburyport, MA
Clare Higgins, Northampton, MA
Thomas G. Ambrosino, Revere, MA
Kimberley Driscoll, Salem, MA
Joseph A. Curtatone, Somerville, MA
Domenic Sarno, Springfield, MA
Susan M. Kay, Weymouth, MA
Bobby J. Hopewell, Kalamazaoo, MI
Brenda L. Lawrence, Southfield, MI
Steve Lampi, Brooklyn Park, MN
Elizabeth B. Kautz, Burnsville, MN
Gary F. Van Eyll, Chaska, MN
Gary Peterson, Columbia Heights, MN
Don Ness, Duluth, MN
R.T. Rybak, Minneapolis, MN
Chris Coleman, Saint Paul, MN
Andrew G. Humprey, Wayzata, MN
A.J. Holloway, Biloxi, Mississippi
Johnny DuPree, Hattiesburg, MS
Matthew J. Avara, Pascagoula, MS
Harold Dielmann, Creve Coeur, MO
Mark Funkhouser, Kansas City, MO
Francis Slay, St. Louis, MO
Ron Tussing, Billings, MT
Chris Beutler, Lincoln, NE
Donald A. Groesser, Ralston, NE
Jim Bouley, Concord, NH
Kevin G. Sanders, Asbury Park, NJ
Joseph V. Doria, Jr., Bayonne, NJ
Jason J. Varano, Berkeley Township, NJ
Gwendolyn A. Faison, Camden, NJ
Sophie Heymann, Borough of Closter, NJ
Carol Foster, Corbin City, NJ
James Carroll, Demarest, NJ
Joseph R. Smith, East Newark, NJ
Robert L. Bowser, East Orange, NJ
Jun Choi, Edison, NJ
J. Christian Bollwage, Elizabeth, NJ
Steven Weinstein, Fair Lawn, NJ
John F. Bencivengo, Hamilton, NJ
James C. DiNardo, Hazlet Township, NJ
Meryl Frank, Highland Park, NJ
Wayne Smith, Irvington, NJ
Jerramiah Healy, Jersey City, NJ
Eugene Kulick, Little Falls, NJ
Frank W. Minor, Logan Township, NJ
Nicholas Russo, Longport, NJ
Michael Fressola, Manchester Twnshp, NJ
Frank M. North, Merchantville, NJ
James A. Gallos, Borough of Milford, NJ
Donald Cresitello, Morristown, NJ
Cory Booker, Newark, NJ
Peter C. Massa, North Arlington, NJ
Francis M. Womack, III, N. Brunswick, NJ
Randy George, North Haledon, NJ
Michael Luther, Parsippany-Troy Hills, NJ
Samuel Rivera, Passaic, NJ
Jose Torres, Paterson, NJ
Jack Killion, Pennsauken, NJ
Harry L. Wyant, Phillipsburg, NJ
Gary Giberson, Port Republic, NJ
Pasquale Menna, Borough of Red Bank, NJ
Earl Gage, Salem, NJ
Emilia Siciliano, Shrewsbury, NJ
Douglas Palmer, Trenton, NJ
Betty Simmons, Victory Gardens, NJ
Robert Romano, Vineland, NJ
Shing-Fu Hsueh, West Windsor, NJ
John E. McCormac, Woodbridge, NJ
Orlando Ortega, Jr., Portales, NM
David Coss, Santa Fe, NM
Gerald Jennings, Albany, NY
Ann Thane, Amsterdam, NY
Steve Gold, Beacon, NY
Matthew T. Ryan, Binghamton, NY
Byron Brown, Buffalo, NY
Wayne J. Hall Sr., Hempstead, NY
Richard Scalera, Hudson, NY
Elizabeth Feld, Larchmont, NY
Marlinda Duncanson, Middletown, NY
Clinton Young, Mount Vernon, NY
Nicholas Valentine, Newburgh, NY
Noam Bramson, New Rochelle, NY
Robert M. Maciol, NY Mills, NY
Daniel J. Dwyer, Rensselaer, NY
Robert Duffy, Rochester, NY
Brian U. Stratton, Schenectady, NY
Matthew J. Driscoll, Syracuse, NY
David R. Roefaro, Utica, NY
Michael P. Manning, Watervliet, NY
Philip Amicone, Yonkers, NY
Terry Bellamy, Asheville, NC
Ronnie K. Wall, Burlington, NC
Kevin Foy, Chapel Hill, NC
John R. Bost, Clemmons, NC
Bill Bell, Durham, NC
Yvonne Johnson, Greensboro, NC
Patricia C. Dunn, Greensville, NC
Charles Meeker, Raleigh, NC
Dennis Walaker, Fargo, ND
Dan Pillow, Addyston, OH
Donald Plusquellic, Akron, OH
Merle S. Gorden, Beachwood, OH
Daniel Pocek, Bedford, OH
Fletcher Berger, Bedford Heights, OH
John Licastro, Bratenahl, OH
Samuel J. Alai, Broadview Heights, OH
Dale Strasser, Brunswick, OH
Mark Mallory, Cincinnati, OH
Frank Jackson, Cleveland, OH
Edward Kelley, Cleveland Heights, OH
Michael Coleman, Columbus, OH
Jack M. Bacci, Cuyahoga Heights, OH
Rhine McLin, Dayton, OH
Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher, Dublin, OH
Bill Cervenik, Euclid, OH
Theodore Shannon, Fairfax, OH
Thomas J. Longo, Garfield Heights, OH
Joseph C. Hubbard, Glendale, OH
Alan Zaffiro, Golf Manor, OH
Deborah Neale, Lakeline, OH
Michael A. Kolomichuk, Lakemore, OH
Jo Ann Toczek, Linndale, OH
Jim Brown, Lockland, OH
Donald Kuchta, Macedonia, OH
Gregory S. Costabile, Mayfield Heights, OH
Bruce G. Rinker, Mayfield Village, OH
Robert Shiner, Mentor, OH
Gary Starr, Middleburg Heights, OH
Susan Renda, Moreland Hills, OH
Thomas E. O'Grady, North Olmsted, OH
Kathy Mulcahy, Orange Village, OH
Daniel J. Ursu, Richmond Heights, OH
Martin Zanotti, Parma Heights, OH
Bruce H. Akers, Pepper Pike, OH
William Robertson, Rittman, OH
Earl M. Leiken, Shaker Heights, OH
John Smith, Silverton, OH
Kevin C. Patton, Solon, OH
Georgine Welo, South Euclid, OH
Matthew Brett, South Russell, OH
Carleton S. Finkbeiner, Toledo, OH
Darreyl D. Davis, Trotwood, OH
Katherine A. Procop, Twinsburg, OH
Beryl Rothschild, University Heights, OH
Jean A. Anderson, Vermilion, OH
Marlene Anielski, Walton Hills, OH
Michael J. O'Brien, Warren, OH
Barry Porter, Wyoming, OH
Jay Williams, Youngstown, OH
Kathy Taylor, Tulsa, OK
Denny Doyle, Beaverton, OR
Kitty Piercy, Eugene, OR
John H. McBeth, Akron, PA
Ed Pawlowski, Allentown, PA
Anthony Battalini, Aliquippa, PA
Charles T. Wahl, Ambler, PA
Bernard Killian, Aspinwall, PA
Alexander Bennett, Jr, Baldwin, PA
Cloyd W. Wagner, Beavertown, PA
David E. Orr, Beech Creek, PA
John B. Callahan, Bethlehem, PA
Robert M. Myers, Birdsboro, PA
Keith Billig, Bowmanstown, PA
Marianne Deery, Boyertown, PA
Jeffrey A. Cowan, Brackenridge, PA
Kenneth Lockhart, Brentwood, PA
Margaret Stock, Butler, PA
Justin M. Taylor, Carbondale, PA
Kirk R. Wilson, Carlisle, PA
Donald Baumgarten, Castle Shannon, PA
Barbara A. Schlegel, Catasauqua, PA
Wendell N. Butler, Jr., Chester, PA
Ronald W. Lockwood, Cherry Valley, PA
Brian P. Fox, Christiana, PA
Paul H. McKenna, Churchill, PA
Jonathan J. Mack, Coopersburg, PA
Helen Thomas, Darby, PA
Mary Ann Fichthorn, Denver, PA
Thomas R. Lloyd, Dormont, PA
Libby White, Doylestown, PA
Heather Ann Bruno, Downingtown, PA
Betty M. Hays, Eagles Mere, PA
Salvatore J. Panto, Jr., Easton, PA
Keith Hoffman, East Berlin, PA
Wayne T. Murphy, Edgeworth, PA
Robert H. Brain, Elizabethtown, PA
Joseph J. Cisco, Ellwood City, PA
Winfield Iobst, Emmaus, PA
Joseph Sinnott, Erie, PA
Harry W. McLaughlin Jr., Fox Chapel, PA
Fred C. Moyer, Jr., Freeburg, PA
Gerald C. Yob, Freemansburg, PA
William E. Troxell, Gettysburg, PA
Karl E. Eisaman, Greensburg, PA
Cathryn H. Rape, Harmony, PA
Stephen R. Reed, Harrisburg, PA
Norah Hawkes, Hatboro, PA
Joseph R. Dodson, Hollidaysburg, PA
Betty Esper, Homestead, PA
Nicholas Yanosich, Industry, PA
Sandra Green, Kutztown, PA
J. Richard Gray, Lancaster, PA
Jayne C. Young, Lansdowne, PA
Robert P. Carpenter, Laporte, PA
Fred Feltenberger, Laureldale, PA
Trish Ward, Lebanon, PA
John L. Mark, Liverpool, PA
Gerard J. McGlone, Jr., Malvern, PA
Russell LaRew, Marianna, PA
Oliver C. Overlander, II, Marietta, PA
Richard Friedberg, Meadville, PA
Angela Adkins, Midland, PA
Karen Bartosh, Midway, PA
Richard C. Trostle, Mohnton, PA
John P. Antoline, Monaca, PA
Josh Nowotarski, Mount Penn, PA
Jeffrey L. Repasky, Mount Oliver, PA
James F. Kinder, Mount Wolf, PA
Joyce K. Somers, Murrysville, PA
Betty T. Cain, New Alexandria, PA
Frank E. Link, New Kensington, PA
Raymond McDonough, N. Braddock, PA
Leonard L. Santimyer, North Irwin, PA
Thomas Reenock, Northampton, PA
Michele Petrini Avvisato, Old Forge, PA
Geoffrey L. Henry, Oxford, PA
Ardele R. Gordon, Parkside, PA
Michael Nutter, Philadelphia, PA
Morris S. Williams, Pine Gove, PA
Luke Ravenstahl, Pittsburgh, PA
John D.W. Reiley, Pottsville, PA
Tom McMahon, Reading, PA
Walter Niedermeyer, Slatington, PA
James C. Kennedy, South Coatesville, PA
Bill Welch, State College, PA
Charles Baughman, Stroudsburg, PA
Paul R. McArdle, Summit Hill, PA
Luke Duignam, Tatamy, PA
Jay R. Stover, Telford, PA
Pamela Murphy, Thompsontown, PA
Dale W. Deiter, Tower City, PA
Regina T. Beck, Trainer, PA
Adam R. Forgie, Turtle Creek, PA
Mary Jane Haskins, Ulysses, PA
Emerson Fazekas, Versailles, PA
Tina Hagenbuch, Weissport, PA
John Andzelik, West Mifflin, PA
Shane J. Keller, West Reading, PA
Thomas M. Leighton, Wilkes-Barre, PA
John A. Thompson, Wilkinsburg, PA
Mitchell Mogilski, Sr., Wind Gap, PA
Larry Markel, Windsor, PA
Jacqueline B. Mosley, Yeadon, PA
John S. Brenner, York, PA
David Cicilline, Providence, RI
Joseph Riley, Charleston, SC
Robert D. Coble, Columbia, SC
Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Sumter, SC
Dave Munson, Sioux Falls, SD
David Shumaker, Bristol, TN
Tom Beehan, Oak Ridge, TN
A C Wharton, Shelby County, TN
Bill White, Houston, TX
Richard Ward, Hurst, TX
Bob Kiss, Burlington, VT
Christopher C. Louras, Rutland City, VT
William B. Euille, Alexandria, VA
Paul D. Fraim, Norfolk, VA
Annie M. Mickens, Petersburg, VA
James W. Holley III, Portsmouth, VA
Dwight C. Jones, Richmond, VA
Peter B. Lewis, Auburn, WA
Cary Bozeman, Bremerton, WA
Greg Nickels, Seattle, WA
Bill Baarsma, Tacoma, WA
Royce E. Pollard, Vancouver, WA
David Edler, Yakima, WA
Tom Kennedy, Beaver Dam, WI
Jeff R. Speaker, Brookfield, WI
Thomas M. Taylor, Franklin, WI
James J. Schmitt, Green Bay, WI
Dave Cieslewicz, Madison, WI
Tom Barrett, Milwaukee, WI
Richard Johns, Rhinelander, WI
Al Richards, Saint Francis, WI
Andrew Halverson, Stevens Point, WI
David Ross, Superior, WI
Kristine M. Deiss, West Bend, WI
Ronald J. Krueger, Watertown, WI
Larry Nelson, Waukesha, WI

Call Majority Leader Reid and ask him to please vote against the **Thune Concealed Carry Amendment.**

Majority Leader Reid
202-224-3542

Call Your Senator
202-224-3121

Paid for by Mayors Against Illegal Guns Action Fund.