

Gun Violence Minute – IMYM 2018

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As Quakers, we believe that every person has worth and dignity. It is essential to respond to the results of gun violence in our society with voices and action.

We call on our legislators to stand with the Florida teens and youth throughout the country who are speaking out against certain policies of the National Rifle Association, specifically the NRA's refusal to support a ban on the purchase and ownership by civilians of assault rifles.

Begin by reinstating the ban on assault-style weapons. Continue with thorough background checks and close the gun-sales loopholes. Promote conversations, forums and discussions to bring about change in every community to combat the sources of violence we see today.

Stand with our courageous high-school students who are urgently leading the way toward a safer, more peaceful society. Congress must act immediately to protect each sacred life. We will support lawmakers who will make the changes to the laws that we need. Too many lives have been destroyed by these terrible mass shootings.

Join the many voices speaking out. The tide is turning. It's time to come together and support life-giving change in our communities.