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May, 1999

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May 9, 1999

HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE FROM GUNS

Date: Saturday, May 8
Time: 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Location: The White House
Washington, D.C.
From: Neera Tanden and
Ruby Shamir

I. PURPOSE

To highlight the importance of keeping children safe from guns as part of efforts to honor families for Mother's Day.

II. BACKGROUND

Overview

This event focuses on the problem of children's easy access to guns. At the event, you will announce a Mother's Day pledge intended for all – those who own guns and those who do not. We developed this pledge with Handgun Control Inc. as a vehicle to focus attention on this issue. The pledge will also appear on your web site, Lifetime Television's web site, and Handgun Control's web site.

The majority of the people in the audience are parents and roughly 30 are parents who lost children to gun violence. You will participate in a photo receiving line with these families at the end of the event (list attached). The speakers at the event have each been personally affected by gun violence; they are Representative Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY), Rebecca Lynn, Catherine Murphy, and Tom Mauser (see section on bios).

Gun Legislation

The Youth Gun Crime Enforcement Act, recently introduced by the President, will strengthen the Brady Law and the assault weapons ban, restrict access to guns by youth and crack down on illegal gun traffickers. The President's proposed bill will: (1) raise the age of the youth handgun ban from 18 to 21 years of age; (2) ban youth possession of semi-automatic assault rifles; (3) prohibit violent juveniles from ever owning guns; (4) require child safety locking devices for guns; (5) reduce illegal gun running by limiting the purchase of handguns to no more than one per month; (6) halt the importation of large capacity ammunition magazines; (7) require Brady background checks for the purchase of explosives and at gun shows; and (8) help law enforcement trace more crime guns to their source.

Senator Schumer is the bill's main sponsor on the Senate side and we expect him to introduce the bill next week. Senator Lott has indicated that the Senate would move to Juvenile Crime legislation next week, and while some Senate Democrats are doubtful that this will happen, they

are preparing amendments on school safety and on guns. The Administration's efforts are focused on three particular amendments: (1) child access protection; (2) regulation of gun shows; and (3) raising the age of the youth handgun ban to 21.

Statistics on Gun Violence

According to a 1996 Department of Justice report, there are approximately 200 million guns in private hands even though only 25 % of all adults in America own guns. The study found that 20% of all gun-owning households had a loaded, unlocked gun in the home, a figure that was significantly higher among households that had a handgun, as opposed to a long gun. Further, the study found that 53% of long guns and 57% of handguns are usually kept unlocked. Additionally, 26% of all guns and 55% of handguns are usually kept loaded. Loaded guns of either type are more likely to be unlocked than are unloaded guns. The result is that one in three handguns, and one in six long guns, is kept loaded and unlocked.

Gun violence is also on the rise, as the firearm injury rate is ten times higher than the polio epidemic in the first half of the century. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that by 2003 the leading cause of death from injury will be from gunshots.

- In 1996, 4,643 children and teenagers were killed by firearms in murders, suicides, and unintentional shootings.
- Gunshot wounds are the second leading cause of death for all people aged 10-34.
- According to a February 1997 report by the Centers for Disease Control, the rate of firearm deaths among children 0-14 years old is nearly twelve times higher in the United States than in 25 other industrialized countries combined.

Bios of Speakers

Rep. Carolyn McCarthy was first elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1996 and was re-elected for her second term in 1998. A life-long resident of Mineola, New York, she is a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) with over 30 years experience in the health care field. Carolyn married Dennis McCarthy in 1967 and they raised one son, Kevin. On December 7, 1993 her husband was killed and her son was injured when a crazed gunman randomly shot into a rush hour commuter train returning from New York City to Long Island. Rather than allow this tragedy to defeat her, Rep. McCarthy turned the incident into a public campaign against gun violence. She began by speaking across the country on the roots and causes of gun violence and she soon became a vocal advocate for commonsense laws to reduce gun violence in New York State and on a national level. Rep. McCarthy introduced an omnibus guns bill and we have incorporated a number of her provisions in our bill.

Rebecca A. Lynn is an admissions evaluator for the Admissions Office at the University of Oregon. Born in Long Beach, California, she has one sister and three brothers, one deceased. A divorced mother, she has two children, Mike J. Dohner, age 17; and Betina A. Lynn, age 19. Her

daughter Betina was shot twice, once in the back and once in the foot, in last year's school shooting in Springfield, Oregon that left 2 dead and 22 injured. Since the shooting, she and her daughter Betina have been fighting for common sense gun laws in Oregon. Earlier this year in Oregon, they helped rally support for a child access prevention bill and a measure that would require background checks at local gun shows in Oregon. Both measures are still pending before the Oregon legislature. When the Children's Gun Violence Prevention Act was reintroduced in March of this year, Rebecca and Betina appeared at a Capitol Hill press conference with Senator Ted Kennedy and Representative Carolyn McCarthy.

Catherine Murphy is a New York City policewoman married to another law enforcement officer. They have always stressed gun safety, and disarmed and locked up their service weapons when at home. That did not help their eleven-year-old son, Christopher, who was accidentally shot and killed in December of 1997 by a friend playing with his older brother's illegal gun. Since the shooting, Catherine has become a leading gun safety advocate. Last year, the City of New York adopted a child safety lock ordinance measure, known as Christopher's law, in memory of her son. Last year she also became a leading advocate for the Children's Gun Violence Prevention Act, a bill sponsored by Senator Ted Kennedy and Representative Carolyn McCarthy.

Tom Mauser, who works for the Colorado Department of Transportation, is the father of 15 year old Daniel Mauser, a Columbine High School sophomore who was killed two and a half weeks ago. Daniel Mauser, who excelled in math and science and earned straight A's, was studying through his lunch hour in the library in the school library when he was ambushed and killed. Tom Mauser and his wife, Linda, have one other child, 13-year-old Christie. Mr. Mauser led the protests against the NRA when the organization held its Denver convention about a week ago.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Speaking Program

- Representative Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY)
- Rebecca Lynn
- Catherine Murphy
- Thomas Mauser
- The First Lady

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- You will greet Representative Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY), Rebecca Lynn, her daughter Betina Lynn, Catherine Murphy, Thomas Mauser, and President of Handgun Control Inc. Bob Walker in the Blue Room.
- You will proceed to a speaking program in the East Room.
- You will make brief welcoming remarks and introduce Representative Carolyn McCarthy.

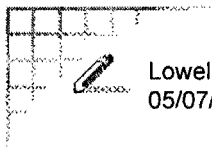
- Representative Carolyn McCarthy will make remarks and introduce Rebecca Lynn.
- Rebecca Lynn will make remarks and introduce Catherine Murphy.
- Catherine Murphy will make remarks and introduce Thomas Mauser.
- Thomas Mauser will make remarks and introduce you.
- You will make remarks and close the program.

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
REMARKS ON MOTHER'S DAY PLEDGE FOR RESPONSIBLE PARENTS
THE WHITE HOUSE
May 8, 1999**

Introductory remarks:

Good afternoon. I want to welcome you all to the White House. Thank you for being here on this Mother's Day eve to help give mothers -- and fathers -- the most precious gift any of us could ask for -- greater safety for our children.

I want to thank Attorney General Reno; Members of Congress TK; Handgun Control President Bob Walker, and all the children's advocates, law-enforcement officials, and parent leaders who are here today. And I want to extend a special welcome to the many parents and children in the audience who are living every day with the consequences of gun violence. I cannot possibly imagine the pain you have experienced. But I am filled with admiration for the ways you are turning your private grief into public action.

I am joined on stage by Rebecca and Betina Lynn, Cathy Murphy, Tom Mauser, and Rep. Carolyn McCarthy -- five of your fellow survivors, in every sense of that word. They have been kind enough to offer to share their insights with us.

Rep. Carolyn McCarthy, whose husband was killed and son badly wounded by a gunman on the Long Island Railroad, has been called "the conscience of the Congress on guns." Not only has she fought tirelessly and tenaciously to restore sanity to America's gun laws. She has devoted equal intensity to addressing the root causes of gun violence -- by expanding educational opportunities, promoting safe and drug-free schools, and helping to create more jobs that pay a livable wage. Please welcome one of the most eloquent, passionate leaders in the U.S. Congress -- Rep. Carolyn McCarthy.

Closing remarks:

Thank you, Mr. Mauser. Our prayers are with you and your family. And thank you to the rest of you who shared your stories. I know it is not easy to relive such profound losses. But we are deeply grateful for the way you are working to ensure that other families never experience this kind of pain.

There is no single solution to the tragedies we heard about today. And I don't think there is any single measure that could have prevented what happened at Columbine and Thurston High Schools, what happened on the Long Island Railway, and what happened in Cathy Murphy's neighbor's house.

But that does not mean that we are hopeless or helpless in the face of these tragedies. If America can set aside the impulse to fight over who deserves the blame, we can all work together to take responsibility for protecting our children from violence and guns.

Of course, the primary caregivers and influences on children are their parents. So the first thing we must do is empower parents to feel that they have responsibility for and authority in their children's lives, especially as their children get older.

And we must encourage parents to work together. It is simply remarkable what parents can do when they are empowered to act. Before Mothers Against Drunk Driving got its start, it was considered more or less okay to have a few drinks and get behind the wheel of a car. But MADD fundamentally changed the way we think about our responsibilities out on the road. We now have designated drivers. We have intense social pressure not to drink and drive. Working together, parents produced an enormously constructive cultural change.

Today, we are enlisting the power of parents once again. More than 35 million households across America have guns -- and in a third of those homes the guns are stored loaded and unlocked. We must remind parents that this practice is dangerous -- and all too often deadly. That is what this Mother's Day pledge is all about. I believe each of you has a copy. For the sake of our children, please join with me as we take the Mother's Day Pledge

for Responsible Parents:

"I will not give my child unsupervised access to a firearm."

"I will not allow my child to play in a home where guns are improperly stored."

"If I own a gun, I will unload it and lock it up and store the ammunition separately and securely."

"I will urge others, including my elected officials, to do everything in their power to protect our children from guns."

And now, I have an even more important request. At this ceremony, we are preaching to the choir, as my husband often says. So please, when you leave here today, I urge you to help us distribute this pledge as widely as we can. The pledge is already available on the White House and Lifetime web sites -- and anyone can provide a link from their own site. This pledge will remind parents of the powerful role they play in keeping their children safe. I believe it can be the beginning of a cultural change as profound as the one Mothers Against Drunk Driving achieved on America's roads.

Of course, there are many other ways we can -- and must -- help parents protect their children from violence. On Monday, my husband and I, with the Vice President and Mrs. Gore, will convene a strategy session to seek out the best ideas and lay the groundwork for a national campaign to reduce youth violence. We will be joined by parents and young people, teachers and clergy, gun manufacturers and entertainment industry executives, police officers and government leaders. Together, we will talk about how we can shield children from gratuitous violence, keep parents involved in their children's lives, provide help to troubled young people, and do more to keep guns out of children's reach.

I am also pleased to see that the Senate will begin debating sensible gun-control measures this coming week. It is essential for you to make your voice heard. As Carolyn McCarthy said two weeks ago here at the White House, "When enough people outside of Washington start calling into Washington, wow, people start listening."

Let no one tell you that you can't make a difference. Like the mothers who founded MADD, you have more power than you can possibly imagine. Together, we can take guns out of the volatile mix that constitutes our children's daily lives. We can change the culture of violence. And most of all, we can equip and empower parents to meet their children's needs. Thank you for all of the ways that you are already working to achieve these goals. Thank you for never giving up. Thank you for fighting through tears to give all children what they most deserve -- a future full of hope, in a world that is safe.

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STATEMENT OF REBECCA LYNN

White House, May 8, 1999

Good afternoon Mrs. Clinton, Representative McCarthy, and all the concerned parents who are here today. Thank you for inviting me to Washington.

In six days, in Springfield Oregon, we will mark the first anniversary of the event that changed lives in our little town forever. The terrible crimes committed by a boy and his arsenal of guns will be remembered. The families of the two wonderful young men who died, and the more than 20 who were wounded, will re-live that nightmare and again wonder how a disturbed 15-year-old could be given those weapons. Parents like me, whose children were involved in the shooting and suffered for weeks in the hospital, will actually give thanks that our children were only wounded, and are still here to celebrate Mother's Day with us tomorrow.

Only wounded. That is what I must be grateful for, although I had to watch my daughter Betina's slow recovery from serious injury. And although Betina is now much better physically, it may be that the mental and emotional wounds that she carries will never completely heal. How *do* you heal a young woman who saw her school become a killing ground?

My only answer is, with love and with a promise. The promise that I and every other concerned parent in this country will do everything we can to keep them safe. And that's why I am here today.

When the Springfield shooting happened near the end of last school year, we hoped and prayed that it would be the last such shooting. This year, when we went until April without a Springfield or a Jonesboro or a Paducah, I kept that hope. When we heard about Littleton, we knew that the nightmare is still continuing. And how many more Springfields and Littletons can we suffer before we do what must be done to keep guns away from children?

Mrs. Clinton, I too thank you for all the work you've done for children and for trying to get some sensible gun control legislation passed. And I thank every one here for taking the time to take a stand, and for promising that their own children will never have access to guns. When we are joined by millions of Americans and by the Congress that represents them, then I know we'll have kept the promise to my daughter Betina. And to every other child who deserves the freedom to go to school safe from fear.

Thank you. And now I would like to you to meet another parent, Mr.
Tom ~~Mauser~~ of Littleton, Colorado.

M. Mauser

STATEMENT OF CATHERINE MURPHY

White House, May 8, 1999

Good afternoon.

Almost exactly a year ago, I stood on the south lawn of the United States Capitol with Representative Carolyn McCarthy, Mrs. Sarah Brady, and other mothers who had seen their families crippled or destroyed by gun violence. I was grateful for the opportunity to speak in favor of legislation that was being introduced that would keep kids away from guns. All I wanted was to spare other mothers the anguish I suffered when I lost my son Christopher to an unintentional shooting.

My son was not killed by a homicidal, depressed, angry child. He was killed unintentionally by a young next door neighbor whose parents were not responsible enough to lock their gun away. As a New York City police officer, I carry a firearm every day, and lock it up every night when I get home. But that couldn't protect my child in someone else's house – and every single day, some parent learns the same lesson I did when their beloved child is dead from an accident that could have been prevented. Every day, there's a surviving child like my son Justin, who misses his older brother who will never come back.

So that day last year at the Capitol, when I was surrounded by the many Senators and Representatives who joined us and told this story, I was optimistic. Maybe a little naively, I thought...."Help is on the way."

Here we are, a year later. Another Mother's Day when I have one son instead of two to go out to dinner. Another Mother's Day when I'm introduced to a parent who has lost his son, and a parent whose daughter was wounded – absolutely needlessly – by other children with guns. Another Mother's Day to know that this Congress has done absolutely nothing to keep teenagers away from handguns – or even assault weapons. And another Mother's Day in which I can only hope that this time, this year, with this Congress, things will finally change.

Mrs. Clinton, thank you for asking me here today. And thank you for everything you're doing to ensure that we do everything we can to protect our children. And I hope you won't take it the wrong way when I say I hope I won't be seeing you next Mother's Day, because my hope is that by then this nation's parents, gunowners, community leaders and Congress will have taken their responsibility for protecting children, too. This year must be the year. Enough is enough.

Mouser

And now I would like you introduce you to another mom, Rebecca Lynn
of Springfield, Oregon.

Statement of Tom Mauser

Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to speak today. Let me first say on behalf of myself, my wife Linda, and my daughter Christie, and I think I can say this for the many grieving parents of Columbine High School, that we really appreciate all the cards, prayers and condolences we've received. We have been very touched by all the support that has come from all over the country. It's helped by giving us more strength to deal with this tragedy.

My son Daniel was killed at Columbine High School, along with Cassie Bernal, Steven Curnow, Corey DePooter, Kelly Fleming, Matt Kechner, Dan Rohrbough, Dave Sanders, Rachel Scott, Isaiah Shoels, John Tomlin, Lauren Townsend, and Kyle Velasquez...

For my family, these past days have been like a flash flood. That is, we witnessed a momentary, senseless, horrific **flash** of hatred and violence. It has been followed by an amazing **flood** of tears, prayers, calls, cards, visits, and countless expressions of sympathy and love. Now the question is whether the floodwaters can be channeled into something meaningful, or whether they'll be followed by yet another flash flood in another unsuspecting community.

My family knows that Daniel is in a better place, and we have been greatly comforted by our faith in God and the support of so many people. Still, we feel a great emptiness and miss our son's physical presence. It's difficult for me to be here so soon after my son's death, and tough to be apart from my family, but I'm here for the same reason as these other parents: we don't want to see more parents and communities suffer as we've suffered in Columbine, Paducah, Jonesboro, Pearl and Springfield.

I'd like to relate something I encountered on that fateful day of April 20th. After not receiving a call from our son to indicate that he had escaped, I went alone to the Leawood Elementary School, where many of the escaping children were processed. I remember that first walk into the school, seeing teary eyed reunions as a few parents and their kids walked out to safety and freedom. I wanted SO desperately to be one of them.

After spending time in a crowded gymnasium, I went to a special waiting room set up specifically for parents whose children were not yet accounted for. As we sat there, along with counselors, we were told that one more bus with kids who had escaped was on its way. We waited. Fifteen minutes. Thirty. The bus would come from a point just a half mile away, so after 45 minutes I realized it was probably not coming. Indeed, someone made a terrible mistake. There was no final bus. We were all sitting there in frightful anticipation for a bus that was not coming.

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I drove home so that I could be with my wife and neighbors. We went to bed that night knowing that our son was probably dead. It wasn't until 2:30 the next day that we were notified that his body was officially identified.

I have heard from many people since that time. Besides expressing their condolences, they've expressed their own fears about violence in the schools. I think that they too are in a waiting room as I was. My time there was horrible, but it was less than an hour. Every day THEY are waiting for that school bus to arrive, and hoping their children are safe...

We have to do more to ensure that our children are indeed safe from gun violence. Just three weeks before this tragedy Christians celebrated Easter. Christians are taught how Jesus sacrificed His life on our behalf. But the message in those readings is also that we must sacrifice for the love of each other. Therefore, parents must make some sacrifices. They need to be more in tune with their children. There needs to be more talking, more listening, more hugging, more teaching of tolerance, more time together, and less time with televisions and computers.

There must be sacrifices by the entertainment industry. It's not enough that the good guys win in the end. We're being numbed by portrayals of violence. This is not entertainment and it certainly isn't art.

There must also be sacrifices by those who promote gun shows and those who promote unlimited access to guns. Americans are saying, enough is enough.

One thing I especially admired about my son was his drive to address his weaknesses... I think that America must likewise address its weaknesses, including its culture of violence. Consider that the parents of Japan don't have this awful fear for the safety of their children. Parents in Germany don't have this fear. Most Free World countries don't. We may have the freedom to bear arms but we don't have a freedom from fear. We need to look at our culture.

There will be those who try to explain away what happened in Littleton, Pearl, Paducah, Springfield and Jonesboro. But these were not isolated incidents. And keep in mind these were the **multiple** killings—there are many children who are killed one at a time and aren't subject to the same national publicity.

Let's not forget these slain children. And let's not let their deaths be in vain. Let's stand up and take action, let's make sacrifices, in the name of these slain children. Let's not have more flash floods... Now, it is my pleasure to introduce someone who has demonstrated her care for our children, the First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Tom Mauser

Millions of parents are in a waiting room just like I was in a waiting room. They're waiting for their children all the time.

Just the 2 weeks for his death we had said there were loudspeakers in the tiny land.

in honor of my son

he was shy + reserved + joined the debate team he was a student + joined the track team

what they will be victimized in their school of playground

it's important in mind that it's happening all the time to our children

Mother's Day Event Guest List: Survivors

May 8, 1999

Mary Leigh and Charlie Blek, Laguna Hills, CA

Their 21-year-old son, Matthew, was shot and killed in New York City by a teen with a junk gun. The Bleks founded Orange County Citizens for the Prevention of Gun Violence in 1995, and are leading advocates for responsible gun laws in California.

Caron Brock

Caron Brock lost her 19-year-old son. He was an exceptional basketball player with many awards.

Beckie Brown, New Point Richey, FL

Her son, Michael, shot and killed himself with his own handgun in 1987. A past national President of MADD, Beckie has over eighteen years experience advocating for policy change.

Ann Cargill

Ann Cargill's son was shot by a carload of kids armed with an assault weapon.

Patrice Daly

Patrice Daly's 14 year old son was shot when he went to a friend's house. There was a loaded gun in the friend's room.

Francis Davis

Francis Davis lost all three of her sons during different shootings.

Lynn Dix, Berkeley, CA

Lynn's son, Kenzo, was shot and killed by accident when his friend showed him his father's gun. Lynn sued the gun-maker, Berretta, for failing to design the gun with a device to prominently indicate that a round is loaded in the chamber.

Julia Dunkin

Julia Dunkin, the Executive Director of Survivors of Homicide in Washington, lost her husband and son to gun violence. Her organization provides support and financial assistance to families to families who suffer the same tragedy.

Shirley and Terrica Gibson

Shirley and Terrica Gibson are the mother and sister of Capital Police Officer Brian T. Gibson, who was killed last summer by a mentally disturbed gunman at the U.S. Capitol.

Freddie Hamilton

Freddie Hamilton lost her youngest child, a 17-year-old son. She is the founder and ex-director of the "Child Development Corporation" in Brooklyn.

Tony Hernandez, San Jose, CA

His 22 year-old-son, Joshua, was shot and killed in San Jose by a teen with a junk gun. Tony has been an outspoken community advocate for several years.

Jean Jamata

Jean Jamata's 19-year-old daughter shot and killed herself.

Katina Johnstone, Staten Island, NY

Ian Johnstone, Staten Island, NY (16-year-old son of David)

Her 43-year-old husband, David, was shot and killed in San Francisco by a teen. She founded New Yorkers Against Gun Violence in 1993, and has organized three national Silent Marches. She was a plaintiff in Hamilton v. Accutec, a successful lawsuit against the gun industry.

Kay King

Kay King lost her son, Police Sergeant Patrick King, when he was shot from behind in a New Jersey restaurant by a killer who had said he wanted to "take out" a police officer. The shooter then killed himself. Patrick's wife Maureen and sons Patrick and Todd are also attending.

Don Lacey, Oakland, CA

Don's daughter, Loesha, was shot and killed while sitting in a van parked outside her school. Don has founded the Love of Life Foundation in memory of his daughter and works to reduce gun trauma in his community.

Bernadette Leite, Atlanta GA

Her 17-year-old son, Khalil, was shot and killed in Atlanta while sitting in a car. She established Kids Alive and Loved to offer compassion and counseling to young victims and survivors of gun violence.

Rebecca Lynn

Rebecca Lynn (speaker) is from Springfield, Oregon. Her daughter, Betina, was seriously wounded in the school shooting there on May 14, 1998. Her son Mikel Dohner and Betina are accompanying her.

Tom Mauser

Tom Mauser's (speaker) son Daniel was killed in the Columbine High School shooting at Littleton, Colorado on April 20.

Patty May

Patty May, of Fairfax, Virginia lost her son to an unintentional shooting by his friend. Her daughter, who mistakenly felt herself responsible for the shooting killed herself with a gun three weeks later.

Alice McEnaney

Alice McEnaney's son has survived with permanent damage from a shooting at the State University of New York at Albany. He tried to disarm at fellow student.

Andrew McGuire, San Leandro, CA

Andrew and his wife Kae have devoted over 26 years to working with survivors to prevent traumatic injuries through policy change. They served on the national board of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Tamara Mechem

Tamara Mechem of Littleton, Colorado lost her son to an unintentional shooting by his friend. Her daughter, who mistakenly felt herself responsible for the shooting, killed herself with another gun three weeks later.

Virginia and Marvin Miller

Virginia and Marvin Miller are the parents of FBI agent Michael Miller, killed in a shootout at DC Police Headquarters. Their surviving son, Bryan, is Executive Director of Ceasefire New Jersey, the largest gun control advocacy group in the state.

Catherine Murphy

Catherine Murphy, (speaker) and her husband Pedro, two New York City police officers lost her 12-year-old son, Christopher, to an unintentional shooting by another teenager who lived next door. The New York City law mandating the sale of trigger locks is named Christopher's Law in his honor. Cathy's son, Justin, who will be with her, misses his brother very much.

Jacqueline and Michael Peranio

Jacqueline and Michael Peranio of Florida lost their eleven-year-old daughter when their thirteen-year-old son Christopher shot her unintentionally. Christopher will also be attending the event.

Yvonne Pope

Yvonne Pope's 20-year-old son was shot and killed on the basketball court by an 18-year-old.

Kimberly Rowland, Pleasanton, CA

Kimberly lost a dear friend in the 101 California massacre. She has organized memorial marches on the anniversary of the 101 California and two local ballot initiatives to reduce access to guns.

Ed and Marsha Simon

Ed and Marsha Simon of Cederhurst, New York, lost their son, Matthew, when he committed suicide with a rifle he had just purchased at Wal-Mart.

Oliver Smith

Oliver and his wife Cynthia Smith lost their son, a Washington, D.C. police officer Oliver Smith Jr., when he was killed in a robbery attempt in 1998 by a gunman who killed him only after discovering he was a police officer.

Judy Soto

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Steve Young, Evanston, IL

Steve's 19-year-old son, Andrew, was shot and killed in Evanston by a teen with a junk gun. Steve works with Mike and Tom at HELP for Survivors, and has filed a groundbreaking lawsuit against the gun industry. Please note that Andrew's birthday is today, May 8. Steve usually spends this day with his family and visits Andrew's grave.

May 9, 1999

HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE FROM GUNS

Date: Saturday, May 8
Time: 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Location: The White House
Washington, D.C.
From: Neera Tanden and
Ruby Shamir

I. PURPOSE

To highlight the importance of keeping children safe from guns as part of efforts to honor families for Mother's Day.

II. BACKGROUND

Overview

This event focuses on the problem of children's easy access to guns. At the event, you will announce a Mother's Day pledge intended for all – those who own guns and those who do not. We developed this pledge with Handgun Control Inc. as a vehicle to focus attention on this issue. The pledge will also appear on your web site, Lifetime Television's web site, and Handgun Control's web site.

The majority of the people in the audience are parents and roughly 30 are parents who lost children to gun violence. You will participate in a photo receiving line with these families at the end of the event (list attached). The speakers at the event have each been personally affected by gun violence; they are Representative Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY), Rebecca Lynn, Catherine Murphy, and Tom Mauser (see section on bios).

Gun Legislation

The Youth Gun Crime Enforcement Act, recently introduced by the President, will strengthen the Brady Law and the assault weapons ban, restrict access to guns by youth and crack down on illegal gun traffickers. The President's proposed bill will: (1) raise the age of the youth handgun ban from 18 to 21 years of age; (2) ban youth possession of semi-automatic assault rifles; (3) prohibit violent juveniles from ever owning guns; (4) require child safety locking devices for guns; (5) reduce illegal gun running by limiting the purchase of handguns to no more than one per month; (6) halt the importation of large capacity ammunition magazines; (7) require Brady background checks for the purchase of explosives and at gun shows; and (8) help law enforcement trace more crime guns to their source.

Senator Schumer is the bill's main sponsor on the Senate side and we expect him to introduce the bill next week. Senator Lott has indicated that the Senate would move to Juvenile Crime legislation next week, and while some Senate Democrats are doubtful that this will happen, they are preparing amendments on school safety and on guns. The Administration's efforts are

focused on three particular amendments: (1) child access protection; (2) regulation of gun shows; and (3) raising the age of the youth handgun ban to 21.

Statistics on Gun Violence

According to a 1996 Department of Justice report, there are approximately 200 million guns in private hands even though only 25 % of all adults in America own guns. The study found that 20% of all gun-owning households had a loaded, unlocked gun in the home, a figure that was significantly higher among households that had a handgun, as opposed to a long gun. Further, the study found that 53% of long guns and 57% of handguns are usually kept unlocked. Additionally, 26% of all guns and 55% of handguns are usually kept loaded. Loaded guns of either type are more likely to be unlocked than are unloaded guns. The result is that one in three handguns, and one in six long guns, is kept loaded and unlocked.

Gun violence is also on the rise, as the firearm injury rate is ten times higher than the polio epidemic in the first half of the century. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that by 2003 the leading cause of death from injury will be from gunshots.

- In 1996, 4,643 children and teenagers were killed by firearms in murders, suicides, and unintentional shootings.
- Gunshot wounds are the second leading cause of death for all people aged 10-34.
- According to a February 1997 report by the Centers for Disease Control, the rate of firearm deaths among children 0-14 years old is nearly twelve times higher in the United States than in 25 other industrialized countries combined.

Bios of Speakers

Rep. Carolyn McCarthy was first elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1996 and was re-elected for her second term in 1998. A life-long resident of Mineola, New York, she is a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) with over 30 years experience in the health care field. Carolyn married Dennis McCarthy in 1967 and they raised one son, Kevin. On December 7, 1993 her husband was killed and her son was injured when a crazed gunman randomly shot into a rush hour commuter train returning from New York City to Long Island. Rather than allow this tragedy to defeat her, Rep. McCarthy turned the incident into a public campaign against gun violence. She began by speaking across the country on the roots and causes of gun violence and she soon became a vocal advocate for commonsense laws to reduce gun violence in New York State and on a national level. Rep. McCarthy introduced an omnibus guns bill and we have incorporated a number of her provisions in our bill.

Rebecca A. Lynn is an admissions evaluator for the Admissions Office at the University of Oregon. Born in Long Beach, California, she has one sister and three brothers, one deceased. A divorced mother, she has two children, Mike J. Dohner, age 17; and Betina A. Lynn, age 19. Her daughter Betina was shot twice, once in the back and once in the foot, in last year's school shooting in Springfield, Oregon that left 2 dead and 22 injured. Since the shooting, she and her daughter Betina have been fighting for common sense gun laws in Oregon. Earlier this year in

Oregon, they helped rally support for a child access prevention bill and a measure that would require background checks at local gun shows in Oregon. Both measures are still pending before the Oregon legislature. When the Children's Gun Violence Prevention Act was reintroduced in March of this year, Rebecca and Betina appeared at a Capitol Hill press conference with Senator Ted Kennedy and Representative Carolyn McCarthy.

Catherine Murphy is a New York City policewoman married to another law enforcement officer. They have always stressed gun safety, and disarmed and locked up their service weapons when at home. That did not help their eleven-year-old son, Christopher, who was accidentally shot and killed in December of 1997 by a friend playing with his older brother's illegal gun. Since the shooting, Catherine has become a leading gun safety advocate. Last year, the City of New York adopted a child safety lock ordinance measure, known as Christopher's law, in memory of her son. Last year she also became a leading advocate for the Children's Gun Violence Prevention Act, a bill sponsored by Senator Ted Kennedy and Representative Carolyn McCarthy.

Tom Mauser, who works for the Colorado Department of Transportation, is the father of 15 year old Daniel Mauser, a Columbine High School sophomore who was killed two and a half weeks ago. Daniel Mauser, who excelled in math and science and earned straight A's, was studying through his lunch hour in the library in the school library when he was ambushed and killed. Tom Mauser and his wife, Linda, have one other child, 13-year-old Christie. Mr. Mauser led the protests against the NRA when the organization held its Denver convention about a week ago.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Speaking Program

- Representative Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY)
- Rebecca Lynn
- Catherine Murphy
- Thomas Mauser
- The First Lady

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- You will greet Representative Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY), Rebecca Lynn, her daughter Betina Lynn, Catherine Murphy, Thomas Mauser, and President of Handgun Control Inc. Bob Walker in the Blue Room.
- You will proceed to a speaking program in the East Room.
- You will make brief welcoming remarks and introduce Representative Carolyn McCarthy.
- Representative Carolyn McCarthy will make remarks and introduce Rebecca Lynn.
- Rebecca Lynn will make remarks and introduce Catherine Murphy.
- Catherine Murphy will make remarks and introduce Thomas Mauser.
- Thomas Mauser will make remarks and introduce you.
- You will make remarks and close the program.

V. PRESS PLAN

- Open Press.

VI. REMARKS

- Provided by Lowell Weiss

Mother's Day Event Guest List: Survivors

May 8, 1999

Mary Leigh and Charlie Blek, Laguna Hills, CA

Their 21-year-old son, Matthew, was shot and killed in New York City by a teen with a junk gun. The Bleks founded Orange County Citizens for the Prevention of Gun Violence in 1995, and are leading advocates for responsible gun laws in California.

Katina Johnstone, Staten Island, NY

Ian Johnstone, Staten Island, NY (16-year-old son of David)

Her 43-year-old husband, David, was shot and killed in San Francisco by a teen. She founded New Yorkers Against Gun Violence in 1993, and has organized three national Silent Marches. She was a plaintiff in Hamilton v. Accutec, a successful lawsuit against the gun industry.

Tom Vanden Berk, Chicago IL

His 15-year-old son, Tommy, was shot and killed by a teen in Chicago. Tom is an executive director of the Uhlich Children's Home in Chicago and a founder of Help for Survivors.

Alfredo Valentin, New York City, NY

His seventeen-year-old son, Derek, was shot and killed by a teen in New York City. Alfredo is an active member of New Yorkers Against Gun Violence.

Lynn Dix, Berkeley, CA

Lynn's son, Kenzo, was shot and killed by accident when his friend showed him his father's gun. Lynn sued the gun-maker, Berretta, for failing to design the gun with a device to prominently indicate that a round is loaded in the chamber.

Kimberly Rowland, Pleasanton, CA

Kimberly lost a dear friend in the 101 California massacre. She has organized memorial marches on the anniversary of the 101 California and two local ballot initiatives to reduce access to guns.

Freddie Hamilton

Freddie Hamilton lost her youngest child, a 17-year-old son. She is the founder and ex-director of the "Child Development Corporation" in Brooklyn.

Jean Jamata

Jean Jamata's 19-year-old daughter shot and killed herself.

Yvonne Pope

Yvonne Pope's 20-year-old son was shot and killed on the basketball court by an 18-year-old.

Ann Cargill

Ann Cargill's son was shot by a carload of kids armed with an assault weapon.

Francis Davis

Francis Davis lost all three of her sons during different shootings.

Alice McEnaney

Alice McEnaney's son has survived with permanent damage from a shooting at the State University of New York at Albany. He tried to disarm a fellow student.

Geraldine Rodriquez

Geraldine Rodriquez lost her 17-year-old son.

Andrea Slade-Lewis

Andrea Slade-Lewis lost her son.

Caron Brock

Caron Brock lost her 19-year-old son. He was an exceptional basketball player with many awards.

Kay King

Kay King lost her son, Police Sergeant Patrick King, when he was shot from behind in a New Jersey restaurant by a killer who had said he wanted to "take out" a police officer. The shooter then killed himself. Patrick's wife Maureen and sons Patrick and Todd are also attending.

Rebecca Lynn

Rebecca Lynn (speaker) is from Springfield, Oregon. Her daughter, Betina, was seriously wounded in the school shooting there on May 14, 1998. Her son Mikel Dohner and Betina are accompanying her.

Tom Mauser

Tom Mauser's (speaker) son Daniel was killed in the Columbine High School shooting at Littleton, Colorado on April 20.

Patty May

Patty May, of Fairfax, Virginia lost her son to an unintentional shooting by his friend. Her daughter, who mistakenly felt herself responsible for the shooting killed herself with a gun three weeks later.

Tamara Mechem

Tamara Mechem of Littleton, Colorado lost her son to an unintentional shooting by his friend. Her daughter, who mistakenly felt herself responsible for the shooting, killed herself with another gun three weeks later.

Catherine Murphy

Catherine Murphy, (speaker) and her husband Pedro, two New York City police officers lost her 12-year-old son, Christopher, to an unintentional shooting by another teenager who lived next door. The New York City law mandating the sale of trigger locks is named Christopher's Law in his honor. Cathy's son, Justin, who will be with her, misses his brother very much.

Jacqueline and Michael Peranio

Jacqueline and Michael Peranio of Florida lost their eleven-year-old daughter when their thirteen-year-old son Christopher shot her unintentionally. Christopher will also be attending the event.

Judy Soto

Judy Soto's eleven-year-old son, Omar, was killed unintentionally by a friend who found his family's firearm. Judy was a leader in passing one of the first Child Access Prevention laws, in Florida in 1989.

David and Dottie Whitt

David and Dottie Whitt's son Lance was unintentionally shot by a friend who thought he was playing with an unloaded gun. They live in Springfield, Virginia.

Virginia and Marvin Miller

Virginia and Marvin Miller are the parents of FBI agent Michael Miller, killed in a shootout at DC Police Headquarters. Their surviving son, Bryan, is Executive Director of Ceasefire New Jersey, the largest gun control advocacy group in the state.

Veronica Trott

Veronica Trott lost her 17-year-old son. No one was ever convicted.

Julia Dunkin

Julia Dunkin, the Executive Director of Survivors of Homicide in Washington, lost her husband and son to gun violence. Her organization provides support and financial assistance to families to families who suffer the same tragedy.

Shirley and Terrica Gibson

Shirley and Terrica Gibson are the mother and sister of Capital Police Officer Brian T. Gibson, who was killed last summer by a mentally disturbed gunman at the U.S. Capitol.

Ed and Marsha Simon

Ed and Marsha Simon of Cederhurst, New York, lost their son, Matthew, when he committed suicide with a rifle he had just purchased at Wal-Mart.

Patrice Daly

Patrice Daly's 14 year old son was shot when he went to a friend's house. There was a loaded gun in the friend's room.

PROMOTING SCHOOL SAFETY & PREVENTING YOUTH VIOLENCE

President Clinton's Record

SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Hosting the White House Conference on School Safety. Convening experts, parents, principals, students, law enforcement and local community leaders, the President and First Lady held the first-ever White House Conference on School Safety on October 15, 1998, to provide an opportunity for Americans to learn more about how they can make their own schools and communities safer. The Conference focused both on the recent incidents of extreme violence as well as the causes of youth violence more generally. It included members of communities affected by school shootings and was linked by satellite to schools and communities across the nation.

Launching a Community-Wide Response to School Safety and Youth Violence. Last month, the President launched the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative, which will provide up to \$180 million this year -- and a total of \$380 million over the next three years -- to help 50 communities develop and implement community-wide responses to school safety and youth violence. This initiative, which was also a product of the White House School Safety Conference, represents an unprecedented collaboration between the Departments of Justice, Education and Health and Human Services to provide comprehensive educational, law enforcement, mental health, juvenile justice, and other services to help communities prevent youth violence and drug abuse, in and out of school. Communities have until June 1, 1999 to apply for as much as \$3 million each through this initiative.

Helping to Make All Schools Safe, Disciplined and Drug-Free. In 1994, President Clinton expanded the Drug-Free Schools Act into the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act, making violence prevention a key part of this program. Safe and Drug-Free Schools provides support for violence and drug prevention programs to 97 percent of the nation's school districts. At the White House Conference on School Safety, President Clinton announced his plan for a significant overhaul of the nearly \$600 million Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program to focus more on effective violence prevention initiatives. Under the President's proposal, schools will be required to adopt rigorous, comprehensive school safety plans that include: tough, but fair, discipline policies; safe passage to and from schools; effective drug and violence policies and programs; annual school safety and drug use report cards; funding for mental health services; links to after school programs; efforts to involve parents; and crisis management plans.

Responding to the Early Warning Signs of Troubled Youth. President Clinton directed the Secretary of Education and the Attorney General to develop a guide to help teachers and principals identify and respond to the early warning signs of troubled youth that can lead to school violence. In August 1998, the Departments of Justice and Education released *Early Warning, Timely Response: A Guide to Safe Schools*. The guide, aimed at teachers, principals, parents, and others who work with young people, provides information on how to identify and respond to the early warning signs of troubled youth that can lead to violence in schools. In addition, the guide also instructs schools on how to develop a violence prevention plan and

provides a crisis procedure checklist for schools to use if violence occurs. Finally, the guide lists actions students can take -- such as listening to troubled friends, involving trusted adults, and asking law enforcement to conduct school safety audits -- to help create safer schools. More than 200,000 guides already have been distributed to schools across the nation, and 150,000 additional copies will be distributed next week.

Creating a New Federal Response for Violent Deaths in Schools. President Clinton has proposed a \$12 million School Emergency Response to Violence -- or Project SERV -- in his FY 2000 budget to help schools and local communities respond to school-related violent deaths, such as those that occurred last school year in Jonesboro, Arkansas; Paducah, Kentucky; Pearl, Mississippi; and Springfield, Oregon. Developed with input from local officials and educators in these and other communities, Project SERV will enable the federal government to assist local communities in much the same way that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assists in response to natural disasters. The program will also help communities build the infrastructure necessary to bring more mental health services into their schools.

Hiring School Resource Officers, Targeting Assistance to Schools with Serious Crime Problems. To help give schools with crime problems the tools they need to put the security of our children first, at the White House Conference on School Safety, the President announced a new \$65 million initiative to hire up to 2,000 community police and School Resource Officers to work in schools -- and to train police, educators and other members of the community to help recognize the early warning signs of violence.

Forging School-Based Partnerships Between Schools and Law Enforcement. Under the School-Based Partnerships grant program, the Clinton Administration released \$16.4 million in grants to 155 law enforcement agencies in September 1998. The School-Based Partnerships grants will be used by policing agencies to work with schools and community-based organizations to address crime at and around schools. This initiative emphasizes using principles of community policing and problem-solving methods to address the causes of school-related crime. The grants will help forge or strengthen partnerships between local law enforcement and schools to focus on school crime, drug use and discipline problems.

Issuing the First Annual Report on School Safety. In December 1997, President Clinton called for an Annual Report on School Safety, which was released on October 15, 1998 and sent to every school in the nation. The report includes: an analysis of all existing national school crime data and an overview of state and local crime reporting; examples of schools and strategies that are successfully reducing school violence, drug use and class disruption; actions that parents can take locally to combat school crime; and resources available to schools and communities to help create safe, disciplined and drug-free schools.

GUN CONTROL

Keeping Guns Out of the Hands of Children. A number of laws and initiatives are keeping guns out of the hands of children and away from criminals. For instance, since the Brady Law's enactment, over 250,000 felons, fugitives and stalkers have been denied handguns, and the 1994 Crime Bill banned 19 of the deadliest assault weapons and their copies -- keeping assault

weapons off America's streets. The Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative (YCGII) is cracking down on the illegal gun markets that supply firearms to juveniles and criminals in 37 target cities. The ATF has already traced more than 77,000 crime guns in the YCGII cities, which has led to the investigation and arrest of hundreds of illegal gun traffickers supplying guns to juveniles and criminals. The Administration's FY 2000 budget proposal proposes adding ATF agents to new YCGII cities to assist in gun trafficking investigations. In addition to these programs, President Clinton signed a directive to every federal agency, requiring child safety locking devices with every handgun issued to federal law enforcement officers. And, in an historic agreement, eight major gun manufacturers have voluntarily agreed to provide child safety locking devices with all their handguns, helping to protect our children.

Enforcing Zero Tolerance for Guns and Other Weapons in Schools. In October 1994, President Clinton signed into law the Gun-Free Schools Act, requiring states to have in effect a law requiring local education agencies (LEAs) to expel students who bring guns to school. The President issued a Presidential Directive later that month to enforce "zero tolerance" for guns in schools, a policy requiring the expulsion of students who bring guns to schools. In school year 1996-97, the U.S. Department of Education estimates that, under zero tolerance policies, 6,093 students were expelled from public schools for bringing a firearm to school.

CULTURE

Giving Families A New Tool -- A Content-Based Television Ratings System. Striving to protect children from violence and adult content on television, the President and Vice President garnered a breakthrough agreement from the television industry to create a content-based voluntary ratings system. The new system went into effect October 1, 1997, giving parents the information they need to determine if TV shows are appropriate for viewing by their children and identifying which programs they want to block from their homes through screening technology (the V-chip). The voluntary rating system includes age- and content-based ratings.

Helping Parents Control What Comes Into Their Living Room with the V-Chip. Four years ago, President Clinton and Vice President Gore used the Family Policy Conference in Nashville to call for V-chip legislation -- to give parents new tools to help them screen out television programs that are not fit for their kids. Under strong leadership from the White House, the following year saw Congress enact the Telecommunications Act of 1996 which included V-chip legislation. Now, by January 2000, all new televisions are scheduled to include this screening technology.

Hosting the White House Conference on Children's Television. In July 1996, the President, Vice President, and First Lady convened the White House Conference on Children's Television to improve and expand education television for children. Conference participants included parents, industry representatives, advocates, experts and advertisers. At the Conference, the television industry joined with the President and agreed to air more educational and instructional children's shows.

Encouraging More Educational Television. At the President's urging, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted clear and concrete rules to encourage the

development and promotion of TV programming that would be both welcomed by parents and watched by children. The rules require three hours of regularly scheduled, half-hour weekly educational and instructional programming as a requirement for license renewal.

Promoting a "Family Friendly" Internet. The President and Vice President have worked to make cyberspace a safe place for children. The Administration has enlisted the assistance of numerous stakeholders, including industry leaders, teachers, parents, Internet users and librarians to work towards the creation of a "family friendly" Internet. The Administration's three part strategy includes: 1) industry commitments to provide blocking, filtering and labeling technology for use by parents and teachers using the 'Net; 2) effective enforcement of existing laws; and 3) increased parental awareness and involvement. This strategy is designed to give parents and teachers the tools they need to prevent children from getting access to inappropriate material on the Internet, and to guide them towards high-quality educational resources.

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Increased Funding for Children's Mental Health Services: From 1993 to 1999, the President has increased funding for children's mental health services from just \$5 million to \$78 million. Significant parts of this funding will be used to provide link schools with mental health services.

Substantial New Increases to Improve Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment. In 1999, the Congress responded to the Administration's proposal to substantially increase substance abuse prevention and treatment activities. Congress has approved a critical \$275 million increase in the Substance Abuse Block Grant at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA). With this increase, over \$1.5 billion will be allocated to the block grant in FY1999 enabling tens of thousands of high-risk youth, pregnant women, and other underserved Americans to get much-needed drug treatment and prevention services.

New Investments in Mental Health Services at SAMHSA. The President's FY 99 budget included a new \$13 million increase in mental health block grant. With this increase, the block grant will contain \$288 million in mental health spending this year. These services provide much needed treatment, counseling and services for thousands of people with mental illnesses.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Providing Safe After-School Opportunities for More than a Million Children a Year. Last year (FY98), the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program was expanded to \$200 million. This funding is already supporting hundreds of school-based after-school programs in rural and urban schools in 44 states and the District of Columbia, including weekend and summer programs. This year, the President proposed to triple this initiative -- to \$600 million -- to provide safe and educational after-school opportunities for up to 1.1 million school-age children in communities across the country. In addition, the Education Department released a report in June 1998, titled *Safe and Smart: Making the After-School Hours Work for Kid*. This report shows that after-school programs can lower juvenile crime and improve academic performance. *Safe and Smart* was sent to every school district in the country.

Cracking Down on Truancy. Truancy prevention initiatives have been shown to keep more children in school and dramatically reduce daytime crime. The Education Department issued a guidebook to the 15,000 school districts nationwide which outlines the central characteristics of a comprehensive truancy prevention policy and highlights model initiatives in cities and towns across the country. Since then, the Education Department has provided grants to local school districts to develop innovative truancy prevention programs of the kind described in the guidebook.

Encouraging Schools to Adopt School Uniform Policies. School uniforms have been found to be a promising strategy to reduce violence while promoting discipline and respect in school. Because of this, the Clinton Administration has encouraged schools to consider adopting school uniform policies by sharing with every school district a school uniforms manual prepared by the Department of Education in consultation with local communities and the Department of Justice. Since the President highlighted school uniforms, a growing number of schools have adopted these policies including: New York City, Dade County, San Antonio, Houston, Chicago and Boston.

Supporting Curfews at the Local Level. Community curfews are designed to help keep children out of harm's way and enhance community safety. Because of their success, President Clinton has encouraged communities to adopt curfew policies. A 1997 survey by the U.S. Conference of Mayors has shown that 276 of 347 cities surveyed -- or 80 percent -- had youth curfew laws, up from 70 percent in 1995.

Developing a Comprehensive Anti-Gang and Youth Violence Strategy. President Clinton has proposed a comprehensive strategy to (1) target gangs and violent youths with tougher punishments and by expanding anti-gang task forces and the use of racketeering statutes (i.e., RICO) for gang-related offenses; (2) crack down on kids and guns by prohibiting violent juveniles from buying guns and increasing penalties for selling handguns to youths; and (3) keep kids off the streets and out of trouble by expanding after-school programs and promoting anti-truancy initiatives and youth curfews.

Supporting Civic, Community and Faith-Based Organizations. Recognizing the important role that civic, community and faith-based organizations can play in reducing crime, the Administration launched a new Values-Based Violence Prevention Initiative to make \$2.2 million in grants available to 16 community-based collaboratives, including religiously-affiliated organizations, that target youth violence, gangs, truancy, and other juvenile problems by promoting common-sense values and responsibility.

Encouraging Conflict Resolution. The Departments of Education and Justice have developed and distributed 40,000 conflict resolution guides to schools and community organizations, providing guidance on how to develop effective conflict resolution programs; Education and Justice are training community officials and educators on these conflict resolution measures.

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 6, 1999

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House
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Dear Speaker Hastert,

On the eve of Mother's Day, a celebration that honors the contribution mothers make to their children and their families, we are writing to ask that the House of Representatives honor all of our mothers by scheduling a vote on gun safety legislation by the end of June.

In the wake of the Littleton shootings, mothers and fathers across the country are facing new concerns about their children's safety and access to guns. A 1993 Harris survey found that 59% of schoolchildren in grades six through twelve said they "could get a handgun if they wanted one," and a third of those polled said they could get one "within an hour."

Moreover, between the years 1987 and 1993, juvenile homicides involving a firearm grew by 182%. Children are getting guns and children are using guns in violent crimes. Clearly, the laws that we have on the books are not working.

What can Congress do? There are a range of gun safety legislative proposals that have been introduced in the House, and we believe they all deserve a fair and public hearing, including:

- closing the loophole on gun show sales;
- raising the eligibility age on gun ownership from 18 to 21;
- requiring child safety locks; and
- holding guns to consumer safety standards like other products.

We know that guns are not the single cause of the increase in juvenile violence. Our culture has become awash in violence. From television to video games to the Internet, our children are inundated with violent imagery that can have a damaging effect on their psychological well-being. However, we must recognize that it is access to guns that can turn a disturbed teenager into a mass murderer. It's time to strengthen our gun laws to keep firearms out of the hands of children.

Mr. Speaker, we ask you to schedule two days of debate on gun safety by June 20th,

Father's Day. Let's devote a few days of our lives to save the lives of children. This Mother's Day, it's the greatest gift we could give to America's moms.

Sincerely,

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DELAURO: GUN SAFETY DESERVES DEBATE

WASHINGTON, DC – Congresswoman Rosa L. DeLauro (D-CT) was joined by women Democrats today as she released a letter to House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-IL) that calls for broad and open discussion of gun safety legislation. On the eve of Mother's Day, the women members implored Hastert to schedule two days of debate on gun safety before Father's Day, June 20.

"Mothers and fathers across the country are facing new concerns about their children's safety and access to guns," said DeLauro. "Children are getting guns and children are using guns in violent crimes. We are asking that the House take the time to look at all the major gun safety proposals."

The letter, signed by thirty-one women members, simply calls for a fair and public hearing on gun safety legislation, including proposals that:

- o close the loophole on gun show sales
- o raise the eligibility age for gun ownership from 18 to 21
- o require child safety locks
- o hold guns to consumer safety standards

"In America, we take all kinds of precautions to protect our children," said DeLauro. "We ensure the safety of everything from baby rattles to strollers to car seats. But, when it comes to our most dangerous and deadly product -- a gun -- there are no protections for children. We protect our kids from rattles, but not from guns? There is something wrong with this picture."

DeLauro is a co-sponsor of the Children's Gun Violence Prevention Act (H.R. 1342), which would make guns safer by requiring handguns to 1) have a minimum trigger resistance so children under five cannot pull it; 2) pass a "drop test" designed to prevent accidental firing; 3) have a manual safety; and 4) be sold with qualified child safety locks.

"This Mother's Day, mothers across this country are asking us to take common sense steps to protect their families," said DeLauro. "As mothers and daughters and sisters, we're calling for a chance to debate common sense gun safety measures."

DeLauro was joined at the press conference by Congresswomen Carolyn McCarthy (NY), Julia Carson (IN), Nita Lowey (NY), Carolyn Maloney (NY), Juanita Millender-McDonald (CA), Grace Napolitano (CA), Ellen Tauscher (CA), and Lynn Woolsey (CA).

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Biographies of Gun Violence Survivors

Charles and Mary Blek lost their college-student son Matthew to New York City gunmen armed with Saturday Night Specials – many of which are made near their home. They are long-time activists in Orange County, California.

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Lifetime
Television for Women

MEMORANDUM

DATE: Friday, May 7, 1999

TO: Toby Graff

VIA FAX: 202/456-7805

One Page

FROM: Alyssa Ziegler, Jackie Kane

RE: Mother's Day Pledge

- Following is the verbiage will would like to use on our website. Please let me know asap if you have any changes.

LIFETIME TELEVISION JOINS NATIONAL EFFORT TO REDUCE YOUTH VIOLENCE
As part of a national effort to bring all sectors of society to work together to reduce youth violence, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton announced a Mother's Day Pledge to keep our children safe from guns at a special Mother's Day ceremony at the White House.

Click here to read the pledge. Print it out and share it with your friends, families, and neighbors. Let us know if you will take the pledge and what you and your community are doing to keep kids safe from guns. We will pass on your ideas and comments to the First Lady.

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I look forward to working with you. If you need anything else, you can reach me at:
Work: 212/424-7488 or Pager: 1-800-916-7902. Thanks.

WHSO LAYOUT DRAFT 2

a/o 5/6/99; L. Schwartz

**MRS. CLINTON'S MOTHER'S DAY EVENT HIGHLIGHTING
THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE FROM GUNS**

Saturday, MAY 8, 1999

South Lawn/Outside Sculpture Garden

Guest Times

Gate Opens: 1:15 p.m. East Visitors Entrance

Invite: 1:30 p.m. East Visitors Entrance

Press Times

Setup: 12:45 p.m.

Entrance: 1:30 p.m.

Contact: Toby Graff

Principal's Times

Brief: 1:30 p.m. Map Room

Meet: 1:35 p.m. Diplomatic Reception Room *in Blue 100 pm*

Event: 1:45 p.m. Outside Sculpture Garden *East*

Approx. 110 guests/Open Press/Business Attire

5 Social Aides

Friday, May 7

12:00 p.m.

Rain call.

Contact: Kim Widdess

Saturday, May 8

10:30 a.m.

WHCA set up on South Lawn behind Sculpture Garden.

12:55 p.m.

IN PLACE TIME

1:00 p.m.

East Visitors Gate opens and guests proceed to the area behind the Sculpture Garden.

1:30 p.m.

THE FIRST LADY receives briefing in the Map Room.

Manifest: Neera Tanden, Lowell Weiss

1:35 p.m.

Event Participants meet with **THE FIRST LADY** in the Diplomatic Receiving Room.

Meet and Greet Participants

Event Participants:

Rep. Carolyn McCarthy
Rebecca Lynn, Parent
Betina Lynn, Daughter (on stage but not speaking)
Cathy Murphy, NYPD
Tom Mauser, Parent of Columbine High School Student

Audience Members:

Attorney General Reno
Bob Walker, President of Handgun Control

1:45 p.m.

THE FIRST LADY, accompanied by event participants, is announced into the area behind the Sculpture Garden. *East*

PROGRAM BEGINS

THE FIRST LADY

Rep. Carolyn McCarthy

Rebecca Lynn, Parent

Cathy Murphy, NYPD

Tom Mauser, Parent 5 min

THE FIRST LADY 5-7 min

Approx. 2:10⁵ p.m.

THE FIRST LADY begins receiving line in Sculpture Garden. *East*

Guests have the option to tour the House or depart North Portico or directly through East Gate.

*rec. line
in blue
room*

Press interviews on South Lawn following event.

SET UP: 4 press risers on South Side; 1 press riser as cut away on Northeast side; all risers roped and stanchioned; Glass Toast on stage; 10 x 24 stage; water at podium; brass quintet for before/after music; easel on stage; pledge on seats.

North portico press interview

*• per map
extensive
in page
in website*

YELLOW BY NAME CARDS

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Members of Congress General Cards: # tbd

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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Bios on Rebecca Lynn &
Carherine Murphy

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Rebecca A. Lynn is an admissions evaluator for the Admissions Office at the University of Oregon. Born in Long Beach, California, she has 1 sister and three brothers, one deceased. A divorced mother, she has two children, Mike J. Dohner, age 17; and Betina A. Lynn, age 19. Her daughter Betina was shot twice, once in the back and once in the foot, in last year's school shooting in Springfield, Oregon that left 2 dead and 22 injured. Since the shooting, she and her daughter Betina have been fighting for common sense gun laws in Oregon. Earlier this year in Oregon, they helped rally support for a child access prevention bill and a measure that would require background checks at gun shows in Oregon. Both measures are still pending before the Oregon legislature. When the Children's Gun Violence Prevention Act was reintroduced in March of this year, Rebecca and Betina appeared at a Capitol Hill press conference with Sen. Ted Kennedy and Rep. Carolyn McCarthy.

Catherine Murphy is a New York City policewoman married to another law enforcement officer. They have always stressed gun safety, and dismantled and locked up their service weapons when at home. That did not help their eleven-year old son Christopher, who was accidentally shot and killed in December of 1997 by a friend playing with his older brother's illegal gun. Since the shooting, Catherine has become a leading gun safety advocate. Last year, the City of New York adopted a child safety lock ordinance measure, known as Christopher's law, in memory of her son. Last year she also became a leading advocate for the Children's Gun Violence Prevention Act, a bill sponsored by Sen. Ted Kennedy and Rep. Carolyn McCarthy.

Reflections on the Columbine killings

—by a grieving father

I am Tom Mauser, father of Daniel Mauser. Daniel was killed at Columbine High School, but memories of him live on in the hearts and minds of many people. I know that he would expect me to be at this rally today. I would like to share this reflection on the tragic events at Columbine and their aftermath.

For my family, these past days have represented a flash flood. That is, we witnessed a momentary, senseless, horrific flash of hatred and violence. It has been followed by an amazing flood of tears, prayers, calls, cards, visits, and countless expressions of sympathy and love. Now the question is whether the floodwaters can be channeled into something meaningful, or whether they'll be followed by another flash flood in another unsuspecting community.

My family knows that Daniel is in a better place, and we have been greatly comforted by our faith in God and the support of so many people. Still, we feel a great emptiness and miss our son's physical presence. We do not wish to see more parents and communities suffer as we've suffered in Columbine, Paducah, Jonesboro, Pearl and Springfield. It could happen again if Americans don't take bold action right now.

First and foremost, parents need to be more in tune with their children. There needs to be more talking, more listening, more hugging, more teaching of tolerance, more time together, and less time with televisions and computers. Second, our schools and police need to be more vigilant and responsive to reports of behavioral problems.

Third, America must own up to its problems. We are in denial. While we are in many ways a great nation, we have not come to grips with our growing culture of violence. Our homes are bombarded with violent images on our TV and movie screens and in our kids' video games. Violence is a major feature of the entertainment business. There seems to be a belief that the violence is okay so long as 'the good guy' wins in the end, regardless of how many die or how they die; nobody seems to care that the levels of gratuitous violence may desensitize people to the realness of death. There seems to be a belief that Hollywood must be allowed artistic license: sorry, but this violence is NOT art. There seems to be a belief that Hollywood merely mirrors what's happening in America: I used to believe that, but now I think they've gone way beyond that point and create their own reality because of increasing competition from other forms of entertainment. It's all about the Almighty Dollar.

Americans must also face the fact that we have by far the largest per capita rate of gun ownership in the Free World. The number of people killed by guns is immensely higher than that of the Free World. This is no coincidence. Any reasonable person understands there is a connection. We've seen a dangerous proliferation of guns in this country, yet we are now told the solution is concealed weapons! My son was shot by a Tec 9, a 9 mm, semi-automatic gun with 30 bullets—and, as advertised, it's fingerprint-resistant! I have never known a hunter to use this type of weapon to shoot a deer. Have you? There is no practical use for it; it's a killing machine. It's time we recognize these weapons have become every bit as much "weapons of mass destruction" to many of us as those of Saddam Hussein.

The NRA deserves credit as a promoter of gun safety and representative of hunters. But it and other gun organizations deserve our condemnation for their relentless promotion of gun proliferation and

protection of all types of guns, regardless of their dangerousness. The NRA argues that countries that have gun restrictions aren't as "free" as us. Perhaps so. But when was the last time you heard of kids killing kids in Japan, or France, or Italy, or Germany, ...? Rarely. What about a child pumping two bullets into an innocent child's face, as happened to my son? This is a sickness. I think there are a hell of a lot of parents and grandparents out there who'd love to experience a freedom these other Free World countries may have: the freedom to live without so much fear of violence and guns! A freedom from having to endure the pain that Columbine has had to endure. Can you relate to that pain, Mr. Heston?!

Over the past twelve days we've talked to and been comforted by hundreds of people. But we've also felt the pain and fear of those people—parents who fear for their children, children who fear for themselves. When many of us were young we had to endure the fright of practicing nuclear bomb drills. We won the Cold War, but now our kids are having to conduct drills in case there's a gun attack. Not for attacks by foreign powers—but by our own neighbors and even our by own children, who find it so easy to get guns.

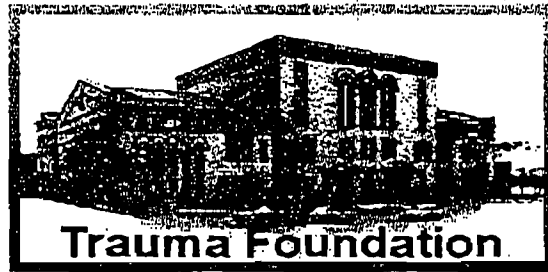
For years the NRA has told us that if we just locked up our criminals, we'd be safe. Well, we've built thousands more jail cells and locked people up, but the killing goes on. My son was not killed by criminals--they only became criminals once they pulled the triggers. The NRA's prison cells haven't solved the problem. In fact, it seems it's now us who are locked up—in fear!

Just a few weeks before he was killed, Daniel mentioned to me that the Brady Bill had loopholes. For example, he told me how private sales go through no background checks. How ironic that my son was apparently killed by a gun sold at a gun show by an unlicensed dealer not covered by the Brady Bill. You will hear the NRA complain about the number of existing gun control laws and their ineffectiveness. But keep in mind it's often they who supported those loopholes.

Over the past twelve days my family has been comforted, thanks to our faith in Jesus Christ and the support of so many people. Jesus has spiritually comforted us. We believe that if Jesus were here on earth physically at this moment, He could care less about the "right" to own an assault weapon. He wouldn't be packing heat and He wouldn't be carrying an NRA card. Charlton Heston should remember from his movies a key aspect of the life of Jesus Christ: Jesus gave us the ultimate gift when He sacrificed His life for us. He also expects us to sacrifice for the love of each other. The time has come for parents to sacrifice more time for their children; the time has come for the entertainment business to make sacrifices for the good of all by weeding out its "dark side." And the time has come for the NRA to make some sacrifices and quit protecting the dark side of the gun trade. For too long the NRA has had its way as a small minority of people. It's time for the NRA to change its agenda.

Let's not forget these slain children. Reduce the obsession with the killers at Columbine and celebrate the lives, lost hopes and dreams of the slain children. Now is the time for all of us to stand up and take action, in the name of our Creator and in the name of these slain children. It took too many years to get the Brady Bill. Let's move faster this time to develop responses to the Columbine killings—not just laws, but behaviors, commitments and personal actions.

Tom Mauser
May 1, 1999



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(202) 456-9412

Kim Widdess

FROM: Laurie Leiber
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San Francisco, CA 94110
(510) 547-8085
(510) 547-8087 fax

Ruby -
can you have
Audrey start
typing up this
list in the
format you like.
-Neera

COMMENTS

Neera:

Here is the background information that I promised RE the Founders and a couple other victims. Please note that two (with astericks*) are new names. I have provided phone numbers.

In case you did not get my voice mail message. The number to call at USAir is: [703] 872-7000. This is the Corporate Executive office, ask for the Director of Consumer Affairs and be sure to mention Columbine and the fact that these people are traveling to the White House in support of the families and victims.

Laurie

The Bell Campaign Founders - Background Information

Mary Leigh and Charlie Blek, Laguna Hills, CA

Their 21-year-old son, Matthew, was shot and killed in New York City by a teen with a junk gun. The Bleks founded Orange County Citizens for the Prevention of Gun Violence in 1995, and are leading advocates for responsible gun laws in California.

Beckie Brown, New Point Richey, FL

Her son, Michael, shot and killed himself with his own handgun in 1987. A past national President of MADD, Beckie has over eighteen years experience advocating for policy change.

Tony Hernandez, San José, CA

His 22-year-old son, Joshua, was shot and killed in San José by a teen with a junk gun. Tony has been an outspoken community activist for several years.

Katina Johnstone, Staten Island, NY

***Ian Johnstone, Staten Island, NY (16 year-old son of David)**

(718) 442-3484

Her 43-year-old husband, David, was shot and killed in San Francisco by a teen. She founded New Yorkers Against Gun Violence in 1993, and has organized a three national Silent Marches. She was a plaintiff in Hamilton v. Accutek, a successful lawsuit against the gun industry.

Bernadette Leite, Atlanta, GA

Her 17-year-old son, Khalil, was shot and killed in Atlanta while sitting in a car. She established Kids Alive and Loved in 1994 to offer compassion and counseling to young victims and survivors of gun violence.

Mike Robbins, Chicago, IL

A veteran of the Chicago Police Force, Mike was shot 11 times in the line of duty by an assailant with an assault weapon. Mike directs HELP For Survivors, a victim support and advocacy group based in Chicago.

Tom Vanden Berk, Chicago IL

His 15-year-old-son, Tommy, was shot and killed by a teen in Chicago. Tom is executive director of the Uhlich Childrens' Home in Chicago, and a founder of HELP For Survivors.

Alfredo Valentin, New York City, NY

His 17-year-old son, Derek, was shot and killed by a teen in New York City. Alfredo is an active member of New Yorkers Against Gun Violence.

Steve Young, Evanston, IL

Steve's 19-year-old son, Andrew, was shot and killed in Evanston by a teen with a junk gun. Steve works with Mike and Tom at HELP for Survivors, and has filed a groundbreaking lawsuit against the gun industry.

Please note: Andrew's birthday is today, May 8. Steve usually spends this day with his family and visits Andrew's grave.

Andrew and Kae McGuire, San Leandro CA

Andrew and Kae have devoted over 26 years to working with survivors to prevent traumatic injuries through policy change. They served on the national board of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Other Victims Representing The Bell Campaign**Lynn Dix, Berkeley, CA**

Lynn's son, Kenzo, was shot and killed by accident when his friend showed him his father's gun. Lynn sued the gun-maker, Berretta, for failing to design the gun with a device to prominently indicate that a round is loaded in the chamber.

***Don Lacey, Oakland, CA**

(510) 663-5683 ext. 5#

(510) 594-4085

Don's daughter, Loesha, was shot and killed while sitting in a van parked outside her school. Don has founded the Love Life Foundation in memory of his daughter and works to reduce gun trauma in his community.

Kimberly Rowland, Pleasanton, CA

(925) 485-9956

Kimberly lost a dear friend in the 101 California massacre. She has organized memorial marches on the anniversary of 101 California and two local ballot initiatives to reduce access to guns.

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TO: Tina Johnstone
List for invites

Cathy Mel...chia, son Shawn, was 16 when shot by accident by 15 year old friend
914-267-2... work-(Rockland County ARC)-- Home [P6(b)(6)] [002]

Linda White...her only son Donald, 17 years old, was shot on the street on his way to
do the family laundry, by another teenager who had just purchased a semi automatic
handgun and wanted to try it out. 718-802-0238

Veronica T...lost her 17 year old son--no one was ever convicted. home [P6(b)(6)]
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Freddie Hamilton lost her youngest child, a son, 17 years old--she is founder and ex-
director of "Child Development Corporation" in Brooklyn. W718-230-0056 ex 8004
Home [P6(b)(6)]

Jean Jamate...her 19 year old daughter, Michelle, shot and killed herself. H- [P6(b)(6)]
[P6(b)(6)]--W2...49-8634

Yvonne P...10 year old son was shot and killed on the basketball court by an 18
year old. [P6(b)(6)] O-718-399-8802

Ann Cargill...son was shot by a car load of kids armed with an assault weapon.
914-631-28... [P6(b)(6)] home and office

Francis D...has lost all three of her sons during different shootings 718-636-3860

Alice McEnaney's son has survived however, with permanent damage, from a
shooting at the State University of NY @Albany when he tried to disarm a fellow
student 518-881-0547.

Patrice Dal...41 June St. -Endicott NY --her 14 year old son went to his friend's
house where there was a loaded gun in the friend's room.

Chris Vacc...son was shot and killed--he was in his early 30's --she works as a
high school counselor. [P6(b)(6)] home--impossible to reach at school

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