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To the United States Congress

GUN VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

The United States is ranked 31st country in the world with gun violence. These below are the statistics for this year alone (2017). The map below shows the areas where the major issue of gun violence in the United States.

- **Total Number of Incidents 55,422**
- **Number of Deaths¹ 13,975**
- **Number of Injuries¹ 28,462**
- **Number of Children (age 0-11)
Killed or Injured¹ 668**
- **Number of Teens (age 12-17)
Killed or Injured¹ 2,938**
- **Mass Shooting² 323**
- **Officer Involved Incident
Officer Shot or Killed² 276**
- **Officer Involved Incident
Subject-Suspect Shot or Killed² 1,856**
- **Home Invasion² 2,234**
- **Defensive Use² 1,826**
- **Unintentional Shooting² 1,822**

World Needy is an international non-profit organization who sees these killings as something senseless. The families that are destroyed with guns affects the whole United States, from families to the judicial system who has to house some of the convicts for life or the cost of death row where they are there up to 15 years before executed.

Our churches and schools should be the safest place in the world next to our homes from gun violence. This is not so. The shooting in Rural Texas, Sandy-Hook School, Virginia Tech School, Harvest Festival these are the top five mass shooting in the United States.

The churches should be one of the safest places besides our schools for our children, but now it has become funeral services every day.

We at World Needy Organization are against gun violence and have concern for the general public and the next generation to come.

We believe in the Second Amendment the right to bear arms. This Amendment was made during the colonial times of the United States in protecting it's self from the English, French and then the Indian and Civil War.

Now it has been taken out of context for profit for the gun makers who also hold military contracts to make weapons. This has made citizens more dangerous than ever before with hate crimes, gang and drug wars going on.

World Needy is proposing some extra measures that would make it harder for guns to be bought and used in mass murders. The only individuals that are to have guns on school, church, and hospital properties are law enforcement agencies.

In order to establish, security and promote the general welfare to the public, Congress have to consider these measures:

1. Mental exam from a psychiatrist stating that they have no mental issues that will cause them to carry the weapon only for self – protection.
2. All weapons not registered is subject to be turned into specified locations that are locked, and checked by the local law enforcement to ensure confidence in turning in the guns.
3. The gun holders have to be subject to show weapons on a yearly basis to local law enforcement to show that they still have ownership of said weapon.
4. Upon private sales the individuals have to notify the local law enforcement of the pending sale with the ID and Social Security Number along with any other documentation showing proof that the person may have a gun, and to register guns with proper State ID.
5. The law enforcement can run ballistics to see if bodies have been attached then only then can finger prints be ran to identify who had the gun. This protects and encourages felons and gang members to relinquish their weapons without fear of being targeted by the local law enforcement.

Gun violence now is beginning to be seen as an epidemic of the mental health system and should be treated as Public Health Crisis. It's time to put our psychiatrists to work in evaluating individuals for mental instability, anger issues, schizophrenics, psychopaths, and other mental disorders that would lead to these killings.

We believe the suggestions listed above would provide a step toward eliminating gun violence in the United States.

John Coffy

President