

# GUN VIOLENCE

## THINGS TO KNOW:

- *Proud recipient of an "F" rating from the NRA*
- *Member of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force*
- *Brought over 800 members of the community together to discuss common sense efforts to strengthen our gun laws after the Parkland, FL shooting*
- *Supported over 35 gun safety bills and authored 4 since coming to Congress*

## SUMMARY OF POSITION

The United States is the gun violence capital of the world. Every day, there are more than 30 gun-related deaths. The common sense reforms we have made in California are working, and Congressman DeSaulnier is leading the way to bring them to the national level to make our families, schools, and communities safer while adhering to the Second Amendment.

## BY THE NUMBERS

- **In 2010, guns took the lives of 31,076 Americans** in homicides, suicides, and unintentional shootings. This is the equivalent of more than 85 deaths each day and more than three deaths each hour.
- **The U.S. firearm homicide rate is 20 times higher** than the combined rates of 22 comparable countries.
- As the state with the top-rated gun laws, **California has the 9th lowest rate of gun violence in the country.**
- Americans make up about 4.4% of the global population, but **own 42% of the world's guns.**
- Adjusted for population, **only Yemen has a higher rate of mass shootings** among countries with more than 10 million people.

## WORKING FOR YOU

### Authored Bill to Address Gun Violence with Evidence-Based Solutions

Gun violence is a public health epidemic. To remove politics from the conversation and focus on proven solutions, Congressman DeSaulnier authored the Gun Safety Board and Research Act (H.R. 4177). The bill would create a Gun Safety Board to conduct research, make policy recommendations, and evaluate proposals aimed at reducing gun violence.

### Support Bipartisan Background Checks Bill

A recent poll confirms that 97% of Americans agree that background checks need to be strengthened. Mark is a supporter of the Bipartisan Background Checks Act (H.R. 8), which creates universal background checks, which would make our homes and neighborhoods safer.

### Authored Bill to Protect Against Gun Theft

Concerning reports of crimes being committed with guns stolen from federal law enforcement officers led to Congressman DeSaulnier introducing the Federal Law Enforcement and Public Protection Act (H.R. 3420), which bolsters requirements for officers to safely store and lock their weapons and requires federal law enforcement agencies to transparently report to appropriate agencies when their guns are lost or stolen.

### Promote Smart Guns

As a continuation of his work in the California state legislature, Mark introduced the Modernizing Firearm Technology Act (H.R. 6080), which promotes the creation of smart gun technology in an effort to decrease the number of tragic accidental shootings and suicides.