

# NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIP TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE

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## **STATEMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD, CHIEF JIM JOHNSON CHAIR, NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIP TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE**

The National Law Enforcement Partnership to Prevent Gun Violence commends President Barack Obama and Vice President Joseph Biden for their important initiatives aimed at curbing our nation's epidemic of gun violence.

As public safety professionals who are on the front lines protecting our communities, we thank Vice President Biden for seeking the input of the Partnership and relying on our collective expertise in making these crucial recommendations to the President.

We are especially pleased that the President has chosen to embrace the specific measures that are the critical priorities for the Partnership, including:

- Background checks for all firearm purchasers
- Strengthening and improving the records contained in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)
- A ban on assault weapons and ammunition magazines in excess of ten rounds.

The leadership of the President and Vice President is reassuring to both the American public and the law enforcement community that gun violence is being confronted by our political leaders at the highest levels. Congress now has a responsibility to heed the call and work with the Administration to enact these vital, life-saving measures. Law enforcement leaders will be working to make our voices heard all across the nation and in the halls of the U.S. Capitol to ensure that our elected Senators and Representatives take immediate and decisive action to combat this horrific epidemic.

The Administration's comprehensive actions to address the gun violence problem reflect our approach as law enforcement leaders, and we look forward to working with the White House and Congress to advance these common-sense public safety measures.

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