



## **International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Join Forces to Address Gun Policy and Community Violence**

Far too many of our communities are plagued by violence. Sadly, the recent horrific attacks in Texas, New York, California and too many other communities to list makes clear that no place is immune from violence. The victims and their families serve as a stark and tragic reminder of the need for concerted action and a whole of community approach. Our organizations, which represent our nation's chiefs and the majority of rank-and-file officers, believe that it is imperative that we address gun violence and identify workable solutions in order to dramatically reduce the numbers of Americans killed from unprovoked and unspeakable violence.

The IACP and FOP have a remarkable record of success in working together to find solutions on difficult issues. When our organizations work together, as we did with the First Step Act and President Biden's recent Executive Order on policing, we made real and significant progress. But our organizations cannot do this alone. It will require the commitment of leaders and elected officials at all levels, support from the community, and a willingness to embrace new approaches.

We are committed to working together with any and all interested parties which share our goal to enact effective and lasting change to build a safer future for our children, neighbors, fellow citizens, and the police officers that serve and protect all of our communities.

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