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Pass Gun Violence Prevention Bills Next Week

"Some things are not easy; some things will never change. But nothing changes without a first step – and in this case, an easy step. We may always have gun violence, but we can easily REDUCE gun violence by strengthening common sense background check laws," said Lawrence E. Couch, director of the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

Next week, the United States House of Representatives is expected to consider two bills: H.R.8, a bill to require a background check for every firearm sale, and H.R. 1112, a bill to strengthen the background check before a federal firearms licensee may transfer a firearm to a person who is not licensed.

"The House should pass H.R. 8 and H.R. 1112 with strong bipartisan support. The enactment of these bills will help reduce the level of gun violence in our nation," said Couch.

The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd is a member of Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence, a coalition of 50 national faith organizations, denominations, and groups committed to the prevention of gun violence. We engage in advocacy and organizing, seeking legislative and societal change that will transform the reality of "96 gun deaths daily."

[The National Advocacy Center](http://www.nac4justice.org) educates and advocates on social justice issues for the transformation of society to the benefit of all people reflecting the spirituality, history and mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. NAC advocates at the Federal level for people living in poverty, immigrants, survivors of human trafficking, survivors of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and are in over 70 countries on 5 continents and have had a presence in the United States for over 175 years. With a presence in 22 states and 1 U. S. Territory, the Sisters and their Lay Mission Partners have dedicated themselves to serving girls, women and families who experience poverty, exploitation, vulnerability and marginalization.

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