

Congress Under the Gun: Federal Legislation and the Fight Against Gun Violence



A round table discussion
sponsored by Protect Minnesota

Date and Time

Wednesday, August 17, 2016
1-2:30pm

Location

By the Rivers Multi-Faith Center
690 Cleveland Ave South, St. Paul Minnesota
www.bytherivers.org (Not handicapped accessible.)

Overview

In a year of unprecedented gun violence and congressional gridlock, some national law makers have employed tactics from the civil rights movement in congress to try to secure votes on gun violence prevention measures.

Beginning with the question, “Why is federal legislation necessary in the fight against gun violence?”, the participants will share information about current federal gun laws, barriers to congressional action and additional federal legislation that would increase our ability to prevent gun violence.

Cookies, coffee and lemonade will be served. This event is part of Protect Minnesota’s 2WEEKS2 #DisarmHate efforts.

Participants

United States Congresswoman Betty McCollum
Minnesota State Representative Dan Schoen
John Finnegan, Jr., PhD, Dean
University of Minnesota School of Public Health
Joan Peterson, Associate Chair of Protect Minnesota
and Brady Campaign board member
The Rev. Nancy Nord Bence, Executive Director
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About the Participants

Betty McCollum is a Democrat serving her eighth term in the US House of Representatives, representing Minnesota’s Fourth District. After the Orlando shooting, she joined and other congressional leaders in the 26 hour House sit-in, in an effort to force votes to be scheduled on gun violence prevention legislation.

Dan Schoen is a police officer, paramedic and a Democratic member of the Minnesota House of Representatives representing the southeast-central metro area. A member of the House Public Safety Policy and Finance committee, he co-authored a bill to close the loopholes in Minnesota state law that enable prohibited purchasers to buy guns illegally from unlicensed dealers at gun shows and online. He is currently running for the Minnesota state senate.

John Finnegan, Jr., Phd, joined the faculty of the University of Minnesota School of Public Health in 1986 and has been Dean since 2005. He has served as board chair of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) and was appointed to the governing board of the Council on Education for Public Health in 2016. With a research background in community health promotion campaigns, he has championed the study of gun violence as a public health issue.

Joan Peterson lost a sister in a domestic shooting 20 years ago. Since 2000 she has worked to strengthen gun laws and educate people about the causes and effects of gun violence. Joan is Associate Chair of Protect Minnesota, Co-President of the Northland Brady Campaign chapter, and sits on the Board of Trustees of the Brady Campaign. A resident of Duluth, Minnesota, she blogs at www.commongunsense.com.