

## PROTECT MINNESOTA

# THE CONCERT ACROSS AMERICA™ TO END GUN VIOLENCE

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DO SOMETHING  
about gun violence?

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Dear Friend,

Every day in America 300 people are shot; 48 are children. Every day in America 90 people die from gun fire; seven are children. Gun violence is the second leading cause of death among young people in our country; soon it will be the first. More American children and youth die from guns every three days than died at Sandy Hook.

These are just a few of the many indicators that we have a serious problem with gun violence in America. The public health community describes it as an epidemic— and our nightly news reminds us that Minnesota is not immune.

Although it seems overwhelming, the problem of gun violence is not impossible to solve. There are effective measures to contain it, if we have the will to implement them. Our challenge is to help Minnesotans understand that we are not helpless in the face of gun violence. We can DO SOMETHING.

That's why Protect Minnesota is sponsoring *The Concert Across America to End Gun Violence*, one of a series of live concerts from coast to coast on September 25 sponsored by independent gun violence prevention organizations.

The concert will take place at International Market Square in Minneapolis. It will feature three great regional bands and three community choirs. Go to [www.protectmn.org/events](http://www.protectmn.org/events) for more information.

This will be a family-friendly event, so we are keeping the ticket price exceptionally low: just \$15 per adult, kids and students are free. That's why we are inviting you or your organization to help defray the costs by becoming a sponsor.

There are three levels of sponsorship:

**\$100 — Individual.** Two tickets included and your name will be listed in the event program. \$70 will be tax deductible. Individual sponsorships of more than \$100 are also welcome and will be appropriately acknowledged in the program.

**\$250 — Organizational.** Five tickets included and your organization's name will be listed in the program. \$175 is tax deductible.

**\$500 — Organizational Sponsorship.** Ten tickets, the name of your organization listed in the program, and exhibit space where you can make information available to concert goers. (No food or beverage sales allowed.) \$350 is tax deductible.

For more information or to become a sponsor, email Concert Committee Chair Lisa Weisman at [concertacrossamerica@protectmn.org](mailto:concertacrossamerica@protectmn.org). You can also sign up to be sponsor and download promotional materials at [www.protectmn.org/events](http://www.protectmn.org/events).

If you want to DO SOMETHING about gun violence, here's a start. Together we can give Minnesotans the opportunity to join the chorus of Americans calling for common sense gun reform NOW.

Peace,  
Lisa Weisman, Chair  
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