

**Organizational Endorsements for CDC Gun Violence Research Legislation**  
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**American Psychological Association, President Barry S. Anton, PhD, ABPP:**

“In order to address the serious public health concern of gun violence, research to identify the complex factors related to its causes and prevention is crucial to inform public policy. The problem requires careful study and analysis of the psychological factors, behavioral pathways, social circumstances, and cultural factors that lead to gun violence. APA applauds Representative Maloney and Senator Markey both for their continued commitment to this ongoing public health issue and for reintroducing a bill that will enable the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health to conduct vital gun violence prevention research.”

**Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence:**

“The Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence supports HR 4707 because objective, evidence-based research is critical to developing effective, common-sense policy solutions to gun violence in America. Federally funded research studies have been essential in shaping informed public health approaches to product-related deaths and injuries in almost every other area of consumer safety, but for too long, comparable research on firearms safety and gun violence prevention has been significantly and senselessly constrained at the behest of the gun lobby. This bill would provide a modest, smart investment in potentially lifesaving research, to take the debate beyond ideological talking points to evidence-based approaches to this public health issue.”

**Safe States Alliance:**

“Firearm-related violence and injuries are preventable. Safe States Alliance supports HR4707 to conduct needed research to improve our knowledge of the causes and strategies effective in preventing firearm-related injuries and deaths.”

**Other organizations that have endorsed the legislation:**

Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, Stop Handgun Violence, Third Way, the Illinois Council to Prevent Gun Violence, Grandmothers Against Gun Violence, Children’s Defense Fund, Newtown Action, Everytown for Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action, the Brady Campaign, Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, and the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence