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## **Keep Americans Safe Act**

High-capacity magazines – magazines or devices that hold 10-rounds of ammunition or more – have been used in some of the deadliest and most horrific mass shootings in American history:

- **In Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on October 27, 2018**, a gunman armed with an AR-15 semiautomatic rifle killed eleven people at the Tree of Life Congregation, while Shabbat morning services. This is the deadliest attack on the Jewish community in the United States.
- **In Parkland, Florida, on February 14, 2018**, a gunman opened fire at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, killing 17 students and staff members and injuring 17 others. Witnesses identified nineteen-year-old former student.
- **In Las Vegas, Nevada on October 1, 2017**, a gunman opened fire on a crowd of people attending a concert, killing 59 people and wounding over 400 more. The gunman used a number of high-capacity magazines capable of holding up to 100-rounds each.
- **In Newton, Connecticut on December 14, 2012**, a gunman used 30-round magazines taking the lives of 20 students and 6 adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Before driving to the school, the attacker killed his mother at their Newtown home.
- **In Aurora, Colorado on July 20, 2012**, armed with a 100-round drum magazine and a 40-round magazine, a gunman killed 12 people and wounded 58. His 100-round magazine jammed while shooting, preventing further casualties.
- **In Tucson, Arizona on January 8, 2011**, a gunman with two 31-round magazines and two 15-round magazines in the shooting that killed six people and wounded 13 more.
- **In Fort Hood, Texas, on November 5, 2009**, armed with 30- and 20-round magazines, a gunman killed 13 people and wounded 34 more in the Texas military facility. This is the deadliest mass shooting on an American military base.

These high-capacity magazines decrease the time to reload a firearm and allows a single individual to carry an arsenal of weapons and ammunition to inflict the maximum amount of fatalities and injuries. These magazines were meant for the battlefield, not our cities and suburbs. The Keep Americans Safe Act is a common sense bill that would prohibit the importation, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession of magazines that hold more than ten rounds of ammunition and that are designed for shooting en masse. The bill would also:

- Provide limited exceptions for devices possessed before enactment, for certain current and former law enforcement personnel, for certain Atomic Energy personnel and purpose, for tubular devices that can only accept .22 rimfire ammunition, and for certain authorized testing or experimentation;
- Modify the high-capacity definition to prevent coupled or joined magazines;
- Authorize a buyback program for high capacity magazines using Byrne JAG grants;
- Require devices manufactured after enactment to have conspicuous serial numbers and date of manufacture to help law enforcement identify restricted magazines;
- Harmonize forfeiture provisions for magazines with current law; currently FBI and ATF can seize and destroy certain firearms but not high capacity magazines.

**Groups supporting the legislation include:** *Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence; Giffords: Courage to Fight Gun Violence; March for Our Lives; Change The Ref; Coalition to Stop Gun Violence; Center for American Progress and Violence Policy Center.*