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The Honorable Bob Casey, Jr.  
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United States House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Carolyn Comitta  
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The Honorable Kristine C. Howard  
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**RE: WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION NO. 2022-32  
URGING STATE AND FEDERAL LAW MAKERS TO ENACT STRONGER  
PROTECTIONS AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE**

Dear Representatives of West Whiteland Township:

Following the recent mass shootings in Uvalde, Texas and Buffalo, New York, the Board of Supervisors of West Whiteland Township has approved the attached Resolution urging elected officials with the appropriate legal authority to take stronger action to curb gun violence. The Resolution requests that legislators with legal authority enact laws to reduce gun violence and adopt reasonable measures to ensure greater safety in the ownership, procurement and use of firearms.

The Board of Supervisors of West Whiteland Township therefore urges you to enact laws, including but not limited to those outlined in the Resolution to prevent further mass shootings and gun violence and protect the health, safety and welfare of both the citizens of both West Whiteland Township and the Commonwealth as whole.

Sincerely,  
West Whiteland Township  
Board of Supervisors

  
Rajesh Kumbhardare  
Chair

  
Theresa Santalucia  
Vice-Chair

  
Brian Dunn  
Supervisor

Enclosure

**WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP  
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-32**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DENOUNCING GUN VIOLENCE AND URGING STATE AND FEDERAL LAW MAKERS TO ENACT STRONGER PROTECTIONS AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE.**

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that horrific events of mass shootings in schools, public event spaces and places of work are continuing and increasing in frequency across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, that while the West Whiteland Township Board of Supervisors recognizes the Second Amendment and the rights contained therein, it also recognizes that those rights are not unlimited and should be subject to regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Whiteland Township Board of Supervisors supports the adoption of reasonable measures to ensure greater safety in the ownership, procurement and use of firearms in our society, and;

**WHEREAS**, the West Whiteland Township Board of Supervisors is charged with the securing the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township, yet lacks legal authority to enact laws limiting the ownership, sale and keeping of firearms; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of West Whiteland Township have a common interest in helping to prevent further mass public shootings and gun violence, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of West Whiteland Township hereby calls upon the legislators of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to enact laws to reduce additional gun violence to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens, including, but not limited to:

1. Preventing known and suspected terrorists, those convicted of violent hate crimes and those with a history of domestic abuse or assault crimes from buying guns.
2. Ensuring that background checks are required on all sales, including internet and gun show purchases, and in Pennsylvania preservation of the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) which provides instant access to background records.
3. Requiring trigger locks on all firearms in houses where children are present.
4. Banning all access to assault-style weapons by non-military and non-law enforcement personnel.
5. Enacting legislation to ban all access to "Ghost Guns" those firearms which are unserialized and untraceable firearms that can be purchased online and assembled or 3D printed at home, often sold through "ghost gun kits," which include all the parts and the equipment necessary to build these weapons at home.
6. Reducing the number of permissible cartridges in a clip or magazine.

7. Raising the minimum age to legally acquire a gun.
8. Funding research into causes and prevention of gun violence and into innovations in gun safety technology.
9. Expanded public education on the responsibility of gun owners to assure guns are stored safely and preventing access to the same by non-owners.
10. Addressing access to and acquisition of guns by high-risk individuals through research on how to better identify and treat mental illness and social and/or behavioral disorders.
11. Development of licensure requirements for gun ownership.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be distributed to the current individuals' offices representing the citizens of West Whiteland Township:

Pat Toomey, United States Senator for Pennsylvania

Bob Casey Jr., United States Senator from Pennsylvania

Chrissy Houlahan, United States Congresswoman for the 6th Congressional District

Carolyn T. Comitta, Pennsylvania State Senator from the 19th Senatorial District

Kristine C. Howard, Pennsylvania State Representative from the 167th Legislative District

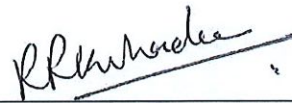
**DULY PRESENTED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of West Whiteland Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, this 8th day of June, 2022.

Attest:

**WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



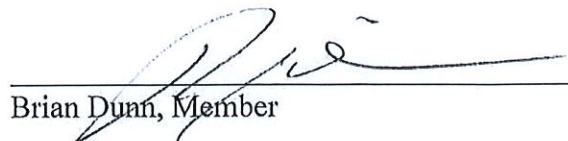
Pamela Gural-Bear,  
Interim Township Manager



Rajesh Kumbhardare, Chair



Theresa Santalucia, Vice Chair



Brian Dunn, Member