

McCollum's legislative efforts to combat gun violence

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Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) this week noted that in 2012, the United States suffered 16 mass shootings with 151 fatalities. The brutal trend is a symptom of a larger problem: widespread gun violence, she said in a statement to news media. She said all Members of Congress have a duty to their constituents to address specific legal loopholes that allow dangerous individuals to commit violent acts with guns.

As 113th Congress gets underway, McCollum says she supports legislation aimed at making our communities safer while protecting the rights of responsible gun owners.

Bills in the 113th Congress that she currently supports:

H.R. 137 – The Fix Gun Checks Act: Ensures that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale. [Signed on January 14, 2013]

H.R. 138 - The Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Device Act: Prohibits the transfer, importation, or possession of high capacity magazines manufactured after the bill is enacted. This bill allows individuals who currently own the devices to legally retain possession but works to prevent the spread of the devices by making it illegal to transfer them to another individual. [Signed on January 8, 2013]

H.R. 93 – The Fire Sale Loophole Closing Act: Amends chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to restrict the ability of a person whose Federal license to import, manufacture, or deal in firearms has been revoked, whose application to renew such a license has been denied, or who has received a license revocation or renewal denial notice, to transfer business inventory firearms, and for other purposes. [Signed on January 7, 2013]