

Look up the name of your congressional representative at <http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>, then call him or her at 888-920-8078 and use the following script.

Read through the script before you call so you feel comfortable. Fill in the blanks and underline the points you want to use. When you call, don't hesitate to read the script word-for-word, but it's even better to put these issues in your own words. Don't read the parts in [brackets], those are notes for you.

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Hello. My name is _____ and I live in your congressional district in _____ [your state].

[Mention one or two points of relevant personal information such as "I am a teacher, I am a gun owner, I am a parent or grandparent, I am a victim or survivor of gun violence, I am a religious leader, I am in law enforcement."]

I am calling to ask for Representative _____'s support for expanding background checks on gun sales.

[Include one or two of the following points that mean the most to you]

- There is extensive bipartisan support for expanding background checks to include all gun shows and online sales. I urge you to join your colleagues in support as well.
- Background checks work. Since the Brady law went into effect 20 years ago, it has blocked more than 2 million gun purchases, including sales to felons and domestic abusers.
- The existing law needs to be updated. The current background check system covers only about 60 percent of gun sales, leaving the door open for prohibited people to still buy a gun. For example, domestic abusers with restraining orders can still go online and buy guns without going through a background check in most states.
- 9 in 10 Americans support expanding background checks to include online sales and gun show sales. This includes more than 80% of gun owners and 74% of NRA members.

Thank you for your time.