



## **FOP and IACP Praise Senate Deal on Firearms: Bipartisan agreement will help reduce criminal misuse of guns**

**Washington, DC** – The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) applaud today's news that a bipartisan agreement has been reached in the United States Senate on historic firearms legislation that provides needed mental health resources, improves school safety and support for students, and helps ensure dangerous criminals and those who are adjudicated as mentally ill are prohibited from purchasing weapons.

As the FOP and IACP said in our [joint statement](#) on May 27, 2022, our organizations are committed to making our country safe and we believe that our organizations helped contribute to the Senate's effort, which worked together in good faith and in a bipartisan way to find a way forward on this issue. We look forward to reviewing the final text and continuing to lend our support on efforts to reduce gun violence.

According to media reports, the bill will provide funding for school safety and establish an enhanced review process for firearms purchases by individuals under 21 years of age. The legislation will include penalties for straw purchases and resources for States that want to enact so-called "red flag" laws and make "major investments to increase access to mental health and suicide prevention programs."

The FOP and IACP believe this bipartisan measure is a great step forward and one that will save lives. The FOP and IACP urge Congress to swiftly pass this legislation so that President Biden can sign this bill into law.

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