



“Recognizing the escalation of violence in our world, and especially its impact on women and children, we choose to act with diligence in the pursuit of peace and non-violence.”

- IHM Chapter 2000 Directions

IHM Monthly Mobilization to Address Gun Violence

Our IHM Monthly Gun Violence mobilization is gaining steam. Our February action alert garnered 51 reported responses. This was up from 23 in January. Let’s keep the momentum going! One approach we’ve found helps maximize our response is offering the opportunity to act in a variety of ways. Some prefer being able to easily email. Others find phone calls simpler. Please choose the method that works best for you.

For our March request, we are focusing on the Michigan Legislature. In February, a hearing was held on HB 4795, a bill that could force local governments and individual local officials to pay the gun lobby thousands of dollars for trying to protect residents from gun violence. The bill would allow groups like the National Rifle Association to bring lawsuits against local governments and officials for damages and fines. Click [here](#) for a backgrounder from the Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence.

This bill is pending in the Michigan Local Governance Committee. Please call, email or send an online comment to your members of the Michigan legislature urging them to oppose this bill.

1. [Here](#) is a sample letter you can use as a script for your call, or cut and paste it into your email or online comment.
2. If you live in Monroe, here are the names, phone numbers and email addresses of your state legislators:
 - o Senator Dale Zorn - 517-373-3543, SenDZorn@senate.michigan.gov
 - o Rep. Bill Lavoy - 855-528-6917, billlavoy@house.mi.gov
 - o Rep. Jason Sheppard - 517-373-2617, JasonSheppard@house.mi.gov
3. If you live elsewhere, click [here](#) and enter your ZIP code to look up your legislators.
4. If you prefer, click [here](#) to send an online comment.

If you need assistance, please email jps@ihmsisters.org or call Sarah at 734-240-9691 or Elizabeth Walters, IHM, at 313-204-6350.

As always, please let us know that you took action! Email us at jps@ihmsisters.org so that we can tally this month’s efforts. Please share this announcement with family and friends.

Go to our [IHM Gun Violence Resource Page](#) for more on this issue.



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