



“Politics is one of the highest forms of love, because it is in the service of the common good.”

- Pope Francis

IHM Monthly Mobilization to Prevent Gun Violence – Elections Part 3

With just a few more weeks until the election, this month's IHM Monthly Mobilization to Address Gun Violence once again focuses on the positions of candidates on issues related to gun violence in the United States.

The Brady Campaign to prevent Gun Violence just released its 2016 Congressional Scorecard. The Brady scorecard rates our members of Congress based on how much money they've accepted from the corporate gun lobby and how they've voted when it comes to gun violence prevention legislation; specifically, whether or not they supported legislative efforts to expand background checks to the 40 percent of gun sales via gun shows and the internet.

Click [here](#) to access the scorecard. Scroll down to the map and click on your state to find where your senators and representative stand on this issue.

The issue of gun violence is just one of many important issues that should be carefully considered when voting. Be sure to check out the [2016 Elections Page](#) for additional resources that will help you navigate the political landscape in the coming weeks.

Did You Know...? In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the National Rifle Association (NRA) is encouraging domestic violence victims to buy guns and enroll in the NRA's training courses. It's calling on gun ranges across the country to offer discounted concealed carry courses for victims. However, the mere presence of a gun in the home, whether it belongs to the abuser or the victim, makes it [five times more likely](#) that a domestic violence victim will be killed by their abuser.



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