

# **Faith Leaders Coalition Against Illegal Guns**

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*Statement of Principles:*

Whereas: Far too many Pennsylvanians have died through gun violence in recent years. Included in this number are eighteen law enforcement officials killed in the line of duty since 2002.

Whereas: Clergy of all faiths and denominations are called upon to comfort friends and families of victims of gun violence and thus know firsthand of the loss and pain caused by firearms.

Whereas: Each of our faiths teaches us that all human life is sacred and must be protected.

Whereas: The ease by which criminals can gain access to weapons illegally through so-called "straw purchasers" makes Pennsylvanians especially at risk of being victims of handgun violence.

Now, therefore, we resolve to work together, in cooperation with CeaseFirePA, to encourage the passage of reasonable, commonsense gun laws to reducing access to illegal handguns, thus reducing the number of senseless injuries and deaths caused by illegal handguns. We invite all Pennsylvania clergy and religious leaders to join us in this effort.

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