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THE VOICE OF BRAIN INJURY

March 19, 2021

Senator Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin,

The Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) is the nation's oldest and largest brain injury patient advocacy organization serving and representing the 2.8 million individuals who sustain a traumatic brain injury in the U.S. each year and the more than 5 million who live with a permanent disability because of TBI. On BIAA's behalf, I hereby submit this statement for the record for the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Constitutional and Common Sense Steps to Reduce Gun Violence on March 23, 2021.

The Brain Injury Association of America enthusiastically supports the Brady Bill, which was signed into law in 1993 to establish a national system of background checks on gun sales. In the 27 years since its implementation, the law has stopped millions of firearm sales to prohibited purchasers. However, there are multiple loopholes in the law that need to be closed. These include: the "Gun Show loophole," the "boyfriend loophole," the "Charleston loophole," and the "Hate Crime loophole." We urge Congress to close these loopholes by enacting common sense gun reform that will keep weapons out of the hands of those who should not own them.

Given the recent siege on the U.S. Capitol, please legislate like your life depends on it – someday it may!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan H. Connors". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan H. Connors  
President/CEO