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**Colorado Coalition Against Gun Violence Joins
U.S. Rep. Diana DeGette to Demand A Vote!**

Denver, CO – The Colorado Coalition Against Gun Violence, comprised of a number of membership organizations dedicated to gun violence prevention through political and social action, will join U.S. Rep. Diana DeGette, who is hosting a **rally to support common-sense gun violence legislation on Sunday, June 26 at 11 a.m.**

Eileen McCarron, President of Colorado Ceasefire Legislative Action, said the CCAGV is gathering with Congresswoman DeGette to “demand a vote.”

Last week, over 170 Members of Congress took a stand with their historic 26-hour sit-in on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives demanding a vote on legislation to tighten loopholes in background checks for firearm purchases, and to keep people on the terrorist watch list from buying guns.

“After the 1999 tragic Columbine High School shootings, the voters in Colorado passed Amendment 22 which closed the gun show background check loophole. After the Aurora movie theater shootings, Colorado’s state legislature acted to close the remaining background check loopholes.

“These background checks work,” said McCarron. “Since July 2013, over 20,000 prohibited individuals have been denied firearms purchases. Among the grounds for denial of a gun via background check - 76 denials for homicide, 349 for sexual assault and 1041 for a restraining order were identified under Colorado’s background check system.”

Another member of the CCAGV Alana Smart, Co-Chair of the Colorado Faith Communities United to End Gun Violence said, “We are joining Rep. DeGette, because as spiritual people from a variety of faiths we hold in common one belief -- and that is that all human life is sacred and we are all called to do everything possible to protect human life. Today, we demand a vote from our elected officials to take the action necessary to protect and preserve the sanctity of life by passing common sense gun violence prevention legislation.”

Jane Dougherty, a fellow with Everytown for Gun Safety, stated “Today we stand with Senator Murphy and Representative Lewis to demand a vote! Today we demand that the House leadership bring a vote to the floor. We demand that our elected leaders in the U.S. House find the courage, like my sister Mary, and stand up to the NRA! We demand that those cowardly callous representatives listen to the 90% of the American people and vote for "no fly - no buy", and expanded background checks on all gun sales.”

The CCAGV is comprised of the following organizations:

Colorado Ceasefire	Golden Action for Public Safety
Moms Demand Action – Colorado	Brady Campaign Colorado
Progress Now Colorado	Golden Action for Public Safety
League of Women Voters	Hunters Against Gun Violence
Safe Campus Colorado	Colorado Faith Communities United to End Gun Violence
Generation Progress #Fight4AFuture	National Leadership Council
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