



Working for freedom from gun violence

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Colorado Ceasefire celebrates today the Denver City Council for banning the sale and possession of bump stocks, a significant step towards protecting citizens of our city from gun violence.

The horrific shooting in Las Vegas, which rained bullets on concert goers killing 58 people and wounding 500 was the first time most Americans had heard of bump stocks. But it won't be the last time. After the Las Vegas shooting, bump stock sales soared. Bump stocks are still legal in most of the country, although Colorado Ceasefire and other gun safety advocates are working to ban them.

"Bump stocks can be purchased and mounted on a gun for about \$100," explained Eileen McCarron of Colorado Ceasefire. "They essentially turn a weapon into a machine gun. Banning them does not affect second amendment rights, because a bump stock is not a weapon."

McCarron noted the shooter in Las Vegas was able to fire about 90 rounds every ten seconds, firepower that devastated the lives of so many in the Las Vegas shooting.

The city council bill was introduced by Councilman Rafael Espinosa and approved unanimously by the Council. The Council also updated Denver's assault weapons ban to limit gun magazines to 15 rounds, a regulation that will now match the state's gun magazine ban. An effort to "grandfather in" ownership of larger magazines was defeated.

In this year of growing civic participation, it was a civic activist, Alan Kennedy Schaefer, who alerted the city council to the need for the bump stock ban. Schaefer is running for the state legislature.

"We are grateful to Alan Schaefer for bringing this issue forward, and especially for the leadership of Councilmember Espinosa," McCarron stated. "Now our attention turns to the state legislature, where we hope to see a bump stock ban enacted this year."

Colorado Ceasefire, an all-volunteer statewide organization, has been working for freedom from gun violence since 2000. Ceasefire initiated and was instrumental in the enactment of Colorado's firearms laws, which include universal background checks, a ban on high capacity magazines, and relinquishment of firearms from those accused of domestic violence.

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