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**ON A FATEFUL ANNIVERSARY,  
A DEMONSTRATION AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY  
TO URGE COMMON SENSE GUN LAWS**

**Ithaca, NY** – On Wednesday, April 16, the anniversary of the terrible tragedy that took 32 innocent lives at Virginia Tech University, local citizens at Cornell University in Ithaca will join more than 70 cities and towns across America in events to remember that tragedy – as well as all victims and survivors of gun violence – and call on Congress to act to strengthen the Brady background check system by closing the gun show loophole.

Cornell's demonstration will be a "lie-in" where mothers and fathers, young and old, gun violence victims, college students and other citizens lie down in groups of 32 to recall the 32 innocent victims murdered at Virginia Tech. They'll remain lying for just a few short minutes to highlight the short length of time it takes to purchase a gun in the United States.

Leaders of the lie-in protests say that the U.S. Congress must take action immediately to protect Americans from gun violence, by passing pending legislation that would close the loophole that allows dangerous people to buy guns without a background check at gun shows in most states across the country. Legislation to close the gun show loophole is sensible and broadly supported – all three candidates for President have strongly supported it in recent years.

"After losing a friend, Reema Samaha, at Virginia Tech last year, I wanted to do something in her memory. I hope that Cornell's lie-in, and those across the nation will promote changes in legislation and make it more difficult for individuals to obtain guns," said Laura McCarthy the primary organizer of today's demonstration in Ithaca. "I hope this movement prevents shootings from happening in the future, so that no one else has to experience losing a friend or a loved one from gun violence.

The details on next Wednesday's demonstration:

**WHAT:** "Lie-In" To Urge Congress to Close  
The Gun Show Loophole  
And For More Common Sense Federal and State Gun Laws

**WHEN:** 12:00 pm  
Wednesday, April 16, 2008

**WHERE:** HO PLAZA, Cornell University Campus

*ProtestEasyGuns.com is a grassroots lie-in protest movement that emerged last year in response to the deadliest shooting rampage by a single individual in U.S. history at Virginia Tech. Supporters are outraged at how easy it is to obtain a gun in the United States and believe it is time to change lax U.S. gun laws that allow criminals and dangerous individuals easy access to guns. Each of the protests includes 32 individuals (symbolizing the number of students and teachers murdered at Virginia Tech and the 32 Americans murdered with guns every day in the United States). Protesters lie down silently for three minutes (signifying the brief amount of time it takes to buy a gun in the United States). The goal is to encourage like-minded citizens to stage their own protests around the country to influence the public discourse and ultimately the legislative process with regard to this critical national problem. Visit [www.protesteasyguns.com](http://www.protesteasyguns.com)*

*As the nation's largest, non-partisan, grassroots organization leading the fight to prevent gun violence, the Brady Campaign, with its dedicated network of Million Mom March Chapters, works to enact and enforce sensible gun laws, regulations, and public policies. The Brady Campaign is devoted to creating an America free from gun violence, where all Americans are safe at home, at school, at work, and in our communities.*

*For more information on April 16th activities, visit the Brady Campaign website at [www.bradycampaign.org](http://www.bradycampaign.org).*

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