

BRADY CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE

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ON A FATEFUL ANNIVERSARY, A DEMONSTRATION IN MOUNT VERNON TO URGE COMMON SENSE GUN LAWS

Mount Vernon, IA – On Wednesday, April 16, the anniversary of the terrible tragedy that took 32 innocent lives at Virginia Tech University, local citizens at Cornell College 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.

“The American people know that it’s too easy for dangerous people to obtain dangerous weapons,” said Paul Helmke, President of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, one sponsor of the April 16 national activities. “As we remember gun violence victims on April 16, we should urge Congress to close the gun show loophole immediately, and take other common sense steps to fight gun violence.”

“We refuse to accept that nothing can be done,” said Michelle Penn, President of the Cornell Democrats and primary organizer of today’s gathering. “We’ll keep making our voices heard until we pass laws that make our communities safer.”

The details on Wednesday’s gathering:

- WHAT:** Candlelight Vigil to Remember Gun Violence Victims, Urge Congress to Close the Gun Show Loophole and For More Common Sense Federal and State Gun Laws
- WHEN:** 3:30pm
Wednesday, April 16, 2008
- WHERE:** Ped Mall (Across from Allee Chapel)
Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa

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.

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