

**PROTEST EASY GUNS  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
BRADY CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE**

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**ON A FATEFUL ANNIVERSARY,  
A DEMONSTRATION IN SAN ANTONIO, TX  
TO URGE COMMON SENSE GUN LAWS**

**San Antonio, TX** – On Wednesday, April 16, the anniversary of the terrible tragedy that took 32 innocent lives at Virginia Tech University, local citizens in San Antonio at the University of Texas at San Antonio campus, will lie down in silence to help all of us remember, and help all of us focus, on the need for more common sense restrictions on the availability of deadly weapons to dangerous people.

San Antonio's demonstration will be one of more than 70 lie-ins across the country as part of a National Lie-In protest of lax U.S. gun laws. Protesters – mothers and fathers, gun violence victims, college students and citizens of all ages – will lie down in honor of the 32 innocent victims and the 32 Americans murdered by guns every day in the United States. They'll stay lying for about three minutes to illustrate the typical 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.

“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.”

“Here we are today, hand in hand taking a stand, we fight for our plan,” said Disha Roy, the primary organizer of today's demonstration in San Antonio. “We want our voices to be heard that something must be done about the lax gun laws in the United States. We will fight for what we believe, for those who have suffered a tragedy, and all they can do is grieve.”

The details on 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 P.M. (NOON)  
Wednesday, April 16, 2008
- WHERE:** University of Texas at San Antonio (1604 Campus)  
One UTSA Circle  
San Antonio, TX 78249-1644  
(210) 458-4011  
Lie-In will be held in the Sombrilla(front of the John Peace Library)

*ProtestEasyGuns.com is a grassroots lie-in protest movement that emerged last year in response to the deadliest shooting rampage 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.protesteasycguns.com](http://www.protesteasycguns.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 continuing insight and comment on the gun issue, read Paul Helmke's blog at [www.bradycampaign.org/blog/](http://www.bradycampaign.org/blog/). Visit the Brady Campaign website at [www.bradycampaign.org](http://www.bradycampaign.org).*