



RUSA Resolution F18-9

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Sponsor: Executive Committee

Resolution for RUSA to Sign University of Pittsburgh's Open Letter Calling for Stricter Regulations on the Sale of Weapons

Whereas, an AR-15 and three handguns were used to murder eleven people at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and¹

Whereas, a total of 323 mass shooting incidents have occurred in 2018 as of November 28, 2018; and²

Whereas, weapon sales made at gun shows are not required to comply with federal background check requirements; and³

Whereas, the Murphy administration has committed to toughening gun safety laws in New Jersey; and⁴

Whereas, the University of Pittsburgh Student Governing Board has written an open letter calling upon our representatives and lawmakers to enact common-sense gun legislation; and⁵

Whereas, student governments from universities across the country are coming together in support of this letter.⁶

¹ <https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2018/10/27/heavy-police-presence-near-synagogue-in-squirrel-hill/>

² See <https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/reports/mass-shooting>. "Mass" is defined as four or more people shot or killed in an incident.

³ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1612>

⁴ <https://www.murphy4nj.com/issues/getting-tough-on-gun-violence/>

⁵ <https://docs.google.com/document/d/16axsrTuY4zvKvWTXTgD4dyrPHs4vyypAXVTKI2DN6gw/edit>

⁶ *Ibid.*

Be it hereby resolved, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) will sign the University of Pittsburgh Student Governing Board's open letter in support of common-sense gun legislation; and

Be it hereby resolved, RUSA supports the expansion of background check requirements, the closure of the gun show loophole through the revision of the Gun Show Loophole Closing Act of 2017, and the immediate federal banning of bump stocks and any other device that allows for legal weapons to become illegal.

RUSA President

Date