

# Policies to Reduce Gun Violence in Michigan

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



This report focuses on evidence-based policy recommendations tailored to Michigan. Though Michigan has made substantial progress in passing policies to prevent gun violence in the state, there are still pathways forward to better protect their individuals and communities from firearm-related harms. We recognize that firearm policy does not work in a vacuum, and other types of interventions, such as specific public health programs, are needed to comprehensively address gun violence in Michigan. While these recommendations are not an exhaustive list, enacting these evidence-based policies will help to reduce the burden of gun violence in Michigan. As public health practitioners, our recommendations are for Michigan to:

### 1 Improve Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) Implementation

- ◆ Require law enforcement to serve ERPOs.
- ◆ Change the standard of proof for ex parte ERPOs from clear and convincing evidence to a preponderance of the evidence.

### 2 Strengthen the Public Carry Regulations

- ◆ Maintain requirement to obtain a license to carry a concealed firearm.
- ◆ Require a license to openly carry firearms that is substantively identical to the concealed carry licensure process.
- ◆ Enact place-based prohibitions on firearms at locations such as legislative buildings and protests.

### 3 Strengthen the Firearm Purchaser Licensing (FPL) Process

- ◆ Require fingerprinting of all firearm purchaser license applicants.
- ◆ Require safety training that includes live fire.
- ◆ Allow the licensing authority up to 30 days to process the application.

### 4 Strengthen Domestic Violence Prevention Protections

- ◆ Require relinquishment of firearms for individuals prohibited from possession by a domestic violence protective order or conviction for a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence and adopting relinquishment provisions that outline clear requirements for all system actors (i.e. judges, court administration, prosecutors, law enforcement, etc.).
- ◆ Require law enforcement to serve domestic violence protective orders.

### 5 Prohibit the manufacture, sale, transfer, and possession of Large Capacity Magazines (LCMs)

- ◆ Enact a law prohibiting the sale, transfer, attempted sale, attempted transfer, manufacture, and possession of magazines that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition in the state.

### 6 Strengthen Safe Storage Requirements

- ◆ Create a safe storage requirement for all firearms not in use or carried on someone's person.
- ◆ Create safe storage requirements for guns left unattended in vehicles

### 7 Provide Sustainability of Community Violence Interventions (CVI)

- ◆ Grow the Office of Community Violence Intervention Services to allow for comprehensive data collection and analysis to identify those individuals and communities most at risk for violence and key risk and protective factors.
- ◆ Continue to appropriate money to support grants for community violence intervention and allow for scalability and sustainability.
- ◆ Create and fund a Violence Reduction Council within the Office of Community Violence Intervention Services to inform the community violence intervention programs and funding allocations.

### 8 Enact Gun Dealer Licensing

- ◆ Require state-wide firearm dealer licensing that mandates compliance with record keeping, security measures, and inspections.