

Amendment to the Chairman's Mark

Offered by Representatives Norcross, Van Hollen, Yarmuth, Pascrell, Moore, McDermott, Lee, Pocan, Lujan Grisham and Moulton

Prevent Gun Violence, Urge the Passage of the Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act of 2015, and Provide Mental Health Services to Victims

1. Increase mandatory budget authority and outlays by the following amounts in billions of dollars to help prevent gun violence and treat its victims by ensuring that the National Instant Criminal Background Check System has the resources to keep up with increases in the volume of background checks for firearm purchases and by providing additional resources to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to improve access to mental health services for those affected by gun violence.

Function 750:

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
BA	0.035									
Outlays	0.019	0.011	0.003	0.001	0.001					

Function 550:

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
BA	0.250	0.250								
Outlays	0.132	0.208	0.099	0.031	0.014	0.006				

2. At the end of Title VI, add the following:

“POLICY STATEMENT ON PASSING THE DENYING FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES TO DANGEROUS TERRORISTS ACT OF 2015

(a) FINDINGS. — The House finds the following:

- (1) According to the GAO, between 2004 and 2014, individuals on the terrorist watchlist have tried to buy guns or explosives 2,233 times of which 2,043 (about 91%) were successful—meaning only approximately 9% of the attempts were unsuccessful.
- (2) With roughly 88 deaths per day resulting from gun violence, 62% of firearm deaths being suicides, and over 140 school shootings since the tragic massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School three years ago, there can be no denial that gun violence is a public health epidemic.

(b) POLICY ON PASSING THE DENYING FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES TO DANGEROUS TERRORISTS ACT OF 2015---- It is the policy of this resolution that Congress should pass the Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act of 2015 to ensure that terrorists are denied access to firearms and explosives and to ensure that the Department of the Justice and Office of the Attorney General have the necessary resources to properly enforce the Act.”

3. Adjust the aggregate levels of revenue by amounts equal to the foregoing outlay changes in paragraph 1, reflecting the reduction of tax expenditures for the top one percent of income earners, or unjustified corporate tax breaks, including special depreciation for corporate jets, loopholes that allow inversions and encourage firms to ship jobs and capital overseas and shelter their profits in foreign tax havens, the “carried interest” loophole that allows hedge fund managers to disguise their compensation as capital gains, tax subsidies for the major integrated oil companies, or corporate deductions for CEO bonuses and other excessive executive compensation exceeding \$1 million per year.
4. Make all necessary and conforming changes to the Chairman’s mark.
5. Amend the committee report to reflect the following policy assumptions:

The resolution provides necessary support to prevent gun violence and to provide mental health services to people who have been affected by it. It increases funding to the President’s requested level for the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) to keep up with increases in the volume of background checks for firearm purchases and to better provide for the recruitment and retention of NICS examiners. The NICS allows the timely transfer of firearms to individuals who are not specifically prohibited and denies transfer to prohibited persons. The resolution increases funding for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to the President’s requested level to enable those who have been impacted by gun violence to access the treatment and services they need. Additionally, the resolution states Congress’ intent to enact the Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act of 2015, and it provides the funding necessary to the Department of Justice and the Office of the Attorney General to enforce the Act.

The resolution accommodates this necessary level of funding to prevent gun violence and provide services to people who have been affected by it by reducing tax expenditures for the top one percent of income earners, or by reducing unjustified corporate tax breaks, including special depreciation for corporate jets, loopholes that allow inversions and encourage firms to ship jobs and capital overseas and shelter their profits in foreign tax havens, the “carried interest” loophole that allows hedge fund managers to disguise their compensation as capital gains, tax subsidies for the major integrated oil companies, or corporate deductions for CEO bonuses and other excessive executive compensation exceeding \$1 million per year.