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Dear (Senator Bennet, Senator Hickenlooper, Congressman Neguse),

Last weekend at our worship services, we prayed for the families in Buffalo and in Uvalde, and for all those who suffer from acts of violence. We also heard pastoral words of encouragement that our prayers not lead us to despair but rather to discipleship, to actions that can help to prevent further suffering. This weekend we are taking up that call to action.

The statistics of gun violence in our nation are staggering: an average of 110 men, women, and children killed daily, not only from mass shootings such as the most recent, horrific shooting of elementary school children in Uvalde, but also from suicide, domestic quarrels, and unintentional shootings. Many more are injured or traumatized.

Thank you for sharing our concerns that the time is long overdue for national legislation on background checks and other common-sense laws that would help keep guns, particularly high-powered weapons of war, out of the hands of persons who would use them for harm.

We pray that the legislative bodies of Congress find ways to hear one another on the issue of gun safety and come together to achieve unity of spirit for the good of this nation, especially its children, minorities, and immigrants, who far too often are the targets of such violence.

We, the undersigned members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, urge you to continue to work toward progress in passing sensible gun safety legislation, especially to convince fellow legislators of the importance of gun safety in our nation.

As people of faith, we pray for your work in the days ahead, and we urge you to act now.