

GOSAFE ACT

The Gas-Operated Semi-Automatic Firearms Exclusion (GOSAFE) Act

The *GOSAFE Act*, introduced by U.S. Senators Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), Angus King (I-Maine), Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.), and Michael Bennet (D-Colo.), is a pragmatic proposal designed to protect communities from gun violence, while safeguarding Americans' constitutional right to own a firearm for legitimate self-defense, hunting, or sporting purposes.

Regulates Sale, Transfer, & Manufacture of Semi-Automatic Firearms

- The *GOSAFE Act* regulates firearms based on the inherently dangerous and unusual lethality of their internal mechanisms, as opposed to focusing on cosmetic features that manufacturers can easily modify.
- If enacted, the bill would regulate the sale, transfer, and manufacture of gas-operated semi-automatic weapons by:
 - Establishing a list of prohibited firearms;
 - Preventing unlawful modifications of permissible firearms;
 - Mandating that future gas-operated designs are approved before manufacture; and
 - Preventing unlawful firearm self-assembly and manufacturing.

Protects Americans' Second Amendment Right

- The *GOSAFE Act* protects Americans' constitutional right to own a gun based on a firearm's established use for self-defense, hunting or sporting purposes.
- The *GOSAFE Act* accomplishes this by including exemptions based on maximum ammunition capacity according to a firearm's individual class: a rifle, shotgun, or handgun.
- This capacity must be "permanently fixed" meaning the firearm cannot accept a detachable, high-capacity magazine that would increase the number of rounds that can be fired before reloading and make reloading easier.

Exemptions include:

- .22 caliber rimfire or less firearms
- Bolt action rifles
- Semi-automatic shotguns
- Recoil-operated handguns
- Any rifle with a permanently fixed magazine of 10 rounds or less
- Any shotgun with a permanently fixed magazine of 10 rounds or less
- Any handgun with a permanently fixed magazine of 15 rounds or less

Limits High-Capacity Ammunition Devices, Outlaws Conversion Devices

- The *GOSAFE Act* limits a firearm's ability to inflict maximum harm in a short amount of time by directly regulating large capacity ammunition feeding devices.
- The bill would limit the number of rounds that large capacity ammunition feeding devices are permitted to carry to 10 rounds of ammunition or fewer.
- Additionally, the *GOSAFE Act* makes conversion devices, including bump stocks and Glock switches, unlawful.

Improves Public Safety Response & Protects Law Enforcement

- The *GOSAFE Act* will force would-be mass shooters to reload their guns more frequently – giving people time to flee and law enforcement time to arrive on the scene – while also maintaining law enforcement access to regulated firearms, so law enforcement continues to have the tools they need to respond to a mass shooting event.

Creates Voluntary Buy-Back Program

- The *GOSAFE Act* will prevent stockpiling of these lethal firearms and large capacity magazines, and also ensure no one loses the value of any firearms they currently have, by establishing a **voluntary buy-back program**, which would allow firearm owners to voluntarily turn over and receive compensation for non-transferrable firearms and magazines as defined by this legislation.

The GOSAFE Act is endorsed by Everytown for Gun Safety; Giffords, Brady; United Against Gun Violence; March Fourth; March for our Lives; New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence; Harold Medina, Chief of Police, Albuquerque Police Department; Kim Stewart, Sheriff, Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department; Elisa Bequeria, Superintendent, Lake Arthur Schools; New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Rio Grande Alcohol Treatment Program; New Mexico Voices for Children; Patrick Nolan, School Board Member, Las Cruces Public Schools; and Taos Alive.