

Create Urgency for Federal Scientific Research on Gun Violence as a Public Health Issue

Suggested emails or scripts.

1. Personalize Your Message

My family has/I have been traumatized by gun violence. **(Here briefly explain how).**

Please deliver on the promise you made during your nomination process to prioritize research into gun violence as a public health issue so that *other families/other people* will not suffer as mine does/as I do. Thank you.

2. Remind Azar of his promise

Thank you for taking a position during your nomination process to direct CDC scientists to research gun violence as a public health issue. Your leadership is needed now. Please put the CDC to work to solve the public health consequences of gun violence.

3. Gun violence affects everyone

Death or severe wounding by people with guns can happen to any one at any time anywhere in this country. I urge you to issue guidance for CDC scientists to research gun violence, and for the next CDC director to expediently develop and implement a research agenda that helps our country address gun violence. Thank you.

4. Science works

Gun violence is a public health issue. Applying the Scientific Method to federal research on gun violence is the most effective tool we have to protect the public from murder or severe wounding by guns. Please fulfill your promise to put Science to work to solve this public health crisis. Science works! Thank you.

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