

Elders for Future Generations

Recommendations to Senator King for gun safety legislation:

1. Require background checks on all gun sales except between relatives. This would include strict penalties for cases where a check was not done and a violent crime was committed with the weapon.
2. Ban semiautomatic weapons (rifles and handguns) with magazine capacities over 5.
3. Establish strict penalties for “straw purchasers” who pass the gun on to prohibited people and those who bring guns across state lines.
4. Require future weapons to be smart with owner recognition systems and micro-stamped firing pins (This enables guns to be traced by shell casings).
5. Fund a national gun buy-back system for all guns, with higher monetary incentives for prohibited guns. (This is a key part of Australia’s gun reform law)
6. Establish a 10 year prohibition on gun ownership for anyone convicted of domestic violence or physical assault.
7. Remove the 2003 barrier to government publication of gun crime data, such as type of weapon used and retail sources of guns used to commit crimes.