



Michigan Conference

The United Methodist Church

Gun Safety Bills Backgrounder—Advocacy Day, March 22, 2023 The Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church in Collaboration with Ecumenical and Community Colleagues

Three public policy changes we support:

- Expand background checks from pistols to all firearms including long guns
- Safe storage for children's protection and to reduce suicides
- Extreme risk protection orders (red flag laws)

Senate Bills

Universal Background Checks to Reduce Violence by All Forms of Firearms:

- [SB 76](#), [SB 77](#), [SB 78](#)

Safe Storage to Protect Children and Reduce Suicide:

- [SB 79](#), [SB 80](#), [SB 81](#), [SB 82](#)

Extreme Risk Protection Order (Red Flag Law) Modelled on Personal Protection Orders:

- [SB 83](#), [SB 84](#), [SB 85](#), [SB 86](#)

House Bills

Universal Background Checks to Reduce Violence by All Forms of Firearms:

- [HB 4138](#), [HB 4142](#), [HB 4143](#)

Safe Storage to Protect Children and Reduce Suicide:

- [HB 4144](#), [HB 4139](#), [HB 4140](#), [HB 4141](#)

Extreme Risk Protection Order (Red Flag Law) Modelled on Personal Protection Orders:

- [HB 4145](#), [HB 4146](#), [HB 4147](#), [HB 4148](#)

Our goals are to reduce injury and death by firearms in our state in ways that do not conflict with the Second Amendment of the US Constitution. Consistent with our Christian values, we are called to respond to the tragedy of gun violence with both prayers and action. We work together with our ecumenical and community colleagues towards the Beloved Community. Our 2022 annual conference voted overwhelmingly to address policy on gun safety with our elected officials. We do this in alliance with our Social Principles, Book of Discipline, and Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church. Copies of any of these are available upon request by any legislator.