

## **PROTECTING COMMUNITIES AND PRESERVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT ACT OF 2013**

**SPONSORED BY SENATORS GRASSLEY, CRUZ, GRAHAM, THUNE, AYOTTE, AND HOEVEN**

This legislation will reauthorize and improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), increase resources for prosecutions of gun crime, address mental illness in the criminal justice system, and strengthen criminal law by including straw purchasing and illegal firearm trafficking statutes, among other things. Specifically, it would:

- Reauthorize and Improve NICS (Graham, Thune components);
- Require federal courts to submit relevant information to NICS;
- Ensure that relevant mental health records are submitted by states to NICS (Graham);
- Condition federal grant money for states on their submission of mental health records to NICS (Graham);
- Increase federal prosecution of gun violence by establishing the Nationwide Project Exile Program and establishing a high level federal taskforce (Cruz, Grassley components);
- Study of the causes of mass shootings (Grassley);
- Responsibly addresses gun violence by criminalizing straw purchasing of firearms and gun trafficking (Cruz);
- Second Amendment Protections for Veterans (Burr);
- Require the Department of Justice to explain to Congress why it has or has not been prosecuting gun cases (Grassley);
- Place Limitations on Fast & Furious type operations by DOJ (Grassley);
- Authorize FFL's to utilize the NICS database to for voluntary background checks of employees;
- Authorize FFL's to access the FBI's National Crime Information Center stolen gun database to ensure that a firearm is not stolen prior to acquisition;
- Reauthorize the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act (MIOTCRA) with amendments;
- Address school safety by Reauthorizes the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Secure our Schools Program through 2023.