

In 1993 then President Bill Clinton showed great leadership in pushing Congress to pass a crime prevention bill, which included a ban on the sale of assault weapons to civilians, and in also signing the Brady Bill requiring background checks before anyone can buy a gun. Unfortunately, since then the assault weapons ban has been allowed to lapse (it expired in 2004 when George W. Bush was President) and we have not had another decent crime bill since then. We need a debate on the merits of crime prevention legislation and gun control which are both political and social issues and need to push Congress despite NRA objections to address the concerns of Americans who witnessed gun violence or been affected by it by losing a friend or family member to pass new crime and gun control legislation. We must ensure proper and full funding for police and fire departments are provided for and take steps to limit the sale of guns to criminals and terrorists. The Open Internet provides a means to communicate with one's legislators on any issue and must remain protected.