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## **One Aim Illinois Launches Illinois' Preeminent Statewide Gun Violence Prevention Organization**

### **Pledges to Confront the Racial Inequities and Root Causes of Gun Violence**

**CHICAGO** -- Today, One Aim Illinois launches as the state's largest and preeminent organization dedicated to ending gun violence.

Gun violence impacts communities across Illinois, resulting in 1,400 deaths and 4,148 nonfatal injuries per year. One Aim advocates for common sense, evidence-based, gun violence prevention measures that will save lives in Illinois, working in partnership with a 200+ member coalition including faith and community groups, families and survivors of gun violence, law enforcement, elected officials and key stakeholders.

One Aim Illinois is the powerful result of the Gun Violence Prevention Education Center (GPEC) and the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence (ICHV) joining forces to be a preeminent leader in the fight to reduce death and injury caused by gun violence in Illinois through education, research, organizing and enforcement around public policy.

"One Aim brings together organizations with decades of experience in the gun violence prevention movement. By joining forces, we are recommitting ourselves to the critical work of ending gun violence in Illinois and recognizing that we are stronger, better and more effective together," **said Dan Kotowski, Chair of the One Aim Illinois Board of Directors.** "With gun violence increasing across the state and devastating black and brown communities, it is an urgent public health crisis that must be addressed now. One Aim will not rest until every community in Illinois is safe and no child lives in fear of gun violence."

One Aim leads a statewide coalition of more than 200 organizations including faith and community groups, survivors of gun violence, law enforcement, and elected officials.

Through One Aim's work, three critical violence prevention policies have been enacted into Illinois law: [the Combating Illegal Gun Trafficking Act](#), [the Firearm Restraining Order](#) and most recently, [HB 562 a bipartisan gun safety bill](#) that will expand universal background checks to all

gun sales and provide essential mental health funding to communities disproportionately impacted by gun violence was signed into law.

Looking ahead, One Aim will monitor the implementation and enforcement of these priority initiatives and continue to support evidence-backed solutions to end the racial inequities and root causes that fuel this public health crisis.

*One Aim is a statewide not-for-profit organization dedicated to the reduction of death and injury caused by firearms in Illinois by advocating for common sense, evidence-based, gun violence prevention measures. Visit [OneAimIL.org](https://www.oneaimil.org) for more.*

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