

Sample Support Letter/Email for Senate Bill 0003

Name
Address
Date

Dear Senator<Insert Last Name>,

My name is _____, and I'm a voting constituent in your district. I am writing you today to urge you to support Senate Bill 3 about Criminal Domestic Violence during this legislative session.

Senate Bill 0003 strengthens criminal domestic violence laws to increase penalties for perpetrators of violence. In addition, it also revokes lawful ownership of a gun to those individual found guilty of domestic violence. This is a necessary legal step as a state if we want to reduce deaths associated with domestic violence in SC! This bill is not a "gun issue". It is a homicide prevention issue. Did you know that:

- SC ranks #2 in the US for the number of women murdered by men.
- Of the females murdered in South Carolina in 2012, 71% were killed with guns.
- More than one-third of those charged with murder had at least one arrest for criminal domestic violence.
- When there is a firearm in the home, a domestic violence assault is 23 times more likely to result in death than an assault using another weapon or bodily assault.
- A recent Winthrop University poll found that 79 percent of the people in SC support getting guns out of the hands of domestic violence offenders.

I sincerely hope you will vote to support Senate Bill 0003.

Thank you,

<Name/Signature>