

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8**  
**OFFERED BY MS. JOHNSON OF TEXAS**

On page 6, after line 3, add the following:

1 **SEC. 4. RESEARCH AND DATA RESTRICTIONS REPEAL.**

2 (a) GUN TRACE DATA.—

3 (1) The matter under the heading “Bureau of  
4 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives—Sala-  
5 ries and Expenses” in title I of division B of the  
6 Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropria-  
7 tions Act, 2012 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law  
8 112–55; 125 Stat. 609–610) is amended by striking  
9 the 6th proviso.

10 (2) The 6th proviso under the heading “Bureau  
11 of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives—Sala-  
12 ries and Expenses” in title II of division B of the  
13 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (18 U.S.C.  
14 923 note; Public Law 111–117; 123 Stat. 3128–  
15 3129) is amended by striking “beginning in fiscal  
16 year 2010 and thereafter” and inserting “in fiscal  
17 year 2010”.

18 (3) The 6th proviso under the heading “Bureau  
19 of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives—Sala-  
20 ries and Expenses” in title II of division B of the

1 Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (18 U.S.C. 923  
2 note; Public Law 111–8; 123 Stat. 574–576) is  
3 amended by striking “beginning in fiscal year 2009  
4 and thereafter” and inserting “in fiscal year 2009”.

5 (4) The 6th proviso under the heading “Bureau  
6 of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives—Sala-  
7 ries and Expenses” in title II of division B of the  
8 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (18 U.S.C.  
9 923 note; Public Law 110–161; 121 Stat. 1903–  
10 1904) is amended by striking “beginning in fiscal  
11 year 2008 and thereafter” and inserting “in fiscal  
12 year 2008”.

13 (5) The 6th proviso under the heading “Bureau  
14 of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives—Sala-  
15 ries and Expenses” in title I of the Science, State,  
16 Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appro-  
17 priations Act, 2006 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public  
18 Law 109–108; 119 Stat. 2295–2296) is amended by  
19 striking “with respect to any fiscal year”.

20 (6) The 6th proviso under the heading in title  
21 I of division B of the Consolidated Appropriations  
22 Act, 2005 (18 U.S.C. 923 note; Public Law 108–  
23 447; 118 Stat. 2859–2860) is amended by striking  
24 “with respect to any fiscal year”.

1 (b) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERV-  
2 ICES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds  
3 made available to the Department of Health and Human  
4 Services, including the Centers for Disease Control and  
5 Prevention and the National Institutes of Health, may be  
6 used to conduct research with respect to gun violence.

7 **SEC. 5. RESEARCH PROGRAM.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The President, acting  
9 through the Director, shall develop and implement a pro-  
10 gram to improve public health and safety through research  
11 on gun violence (to be known as the “National Gun Vio-  
12 lence Research Program”), through activities carried out  
13 in collaboration with covered agencies that—

14 (1) support gun violence research;

15 (2) accelerate the translation of gun violence re-  
16 search into effective policy interventions to reduce  
17 the incidence of injury and death related to guns;

18 (3) expand the number of researchers and stu-  
19 dents in the field of gun violence research; and

20 (4) improve interagency planning and coordina-  
21 tion of Federal Government activities relating to gun  
22 violence research.

23 (b) PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—A covered agency, in car-  
24 rying out activities described in subsection (a), shall—

1           (1) award grants to individual investigators and  
2           interdisciplinary teams of investigators for projects  
3           related to gun violence research;

4           (2) support projects funded under joint solicita-  
5           tions by a collaboration of no fewer than two covered  
6           agencies;

7           (3) establish interdisciplinary research centers  
8           that are organized to investigate basic research  
9           questions and inform policy decisions relating to gun  
10          violence;

11          (4) provide for the education and training of  
12          undergraduate students, graduate students, and  
13          postdoctoral scholars in gun violence research; and

14          (5) promote the development of voluntary con-  
15          sensus gun safety technical standards.

16          (c) INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.—

17           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
18           the date of the enactment of this Act, the President,  
19           acting through the National Science and Technology  
20           Council, shall establish an interagency working  
21           group on gun violence research.

22           (2) COMPOSITION.—The working group estab-  
23           lished under this subsection shall be chaired by the  
24           Director and include representatives from—

25                   (A) the National Science Foundation;

1 (B) the National Institute of Standards  
2 and Technology;

3 (C) the National Institutes of Health;

4 (D) the Centers for Disease Control and  
5 Prevention;

6 (E) the National Institute of Justice; and

7 (F) any other Federal agency (including  
8 an agency, department, or service thereof) that  
9 the Director considers appropriate.

10 (3) DUTIES.—The Working Group shall—

11 (A) oversee the planning, management,  
12 and coordination of the Program;

13 (B) provide for coordination among cov-  
14 ered agencies of Federal gun violence research  
15 and other activities undertaken pursuant to the  
16 Program;

17 (C) establish and periodically update goals  
18 and priorities for the Program;

19 (D) develop, not later than 12 months  
20 after the date of enactment of this Act, and up-  
21 date every 5 years, a strategic plan to guide the  
22 activities of the Program to meet the goals and  
23 priorities established under subparagraph (C).

24 (d) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
3 President, acting through the Director of the Office  
4 of Science and Technology Policy, shall establish an  
5 advisory committee on gun violence research.

6           (2) COMPOSITION.—The advisory committee es-  
7 tablished under paragraph (1) shall be composed of  
8 not less than 12 members, including representatives  
9 of research institutions, institutions of higher edu-  
10 cation, industry, law enforcement, and relevant non-  
11 profit organizations who are qualified to provide ad-  
12 vice on the Program.

13           (3) DUTIES.—The advisory committee estab-  
14 lished under subsection (a) shall assess—

15                   (A) the management, coordination, imple-  
16 mentation, and activities of the Program;

17                   (B) the balance of activities and funding  
18 across the Program;

19                   (C) whether the Program priorities and  
20 goals developed by the working group estab-  
21 lished under subsection (c)(3) are helping to  
22 improve public health and safety; and

23                   (D) the need to revise the Program.

24           (e) COVERED AGENCY DEFINED.—In this section,  
25 the term “covered agency” means—

- 1 (1) the National Science Foundation;
- 2 (2) the National Institute for Standards and
- 3 Technology;
- 4 (3) the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
- 5 tion;
- 6 (4) the National Institutes of Health;
- 7 (5) the National Institute of Justice; and
- 8 (6) such other Federal agency as determined
- 9 appropriate by the Director of the Office of Science
- 10 and Technology Policy.

11 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
12 are authorized to be appropriated to the Director to carry  
13 out this section \$200,000 for each of fiscal years 2022  
14 through 2027.

15 **SEC. 6. AGENCY ACTIVITIES.**

16 (a) NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.—

17 (1) RESEARCH.—The Director of the National  
18 Science Foundation shall award grants, on a com-  
19 petitive basis, to institutions of higher education or  
20 nonprofit organizations (or consortia of such institu-  
21 tions or organizations)—

22 (A) to support multidisciplinary research  
23 to better understand the nature, causes, and  
24 consequences of violence, including violence, sui-

1           eide, unintended injury, and death involving  
2           guns;

3                   (B) to examine the effects of gun policy  
4           interventions on—

5                           (i) rates of suicide, homicide, and un-  
6                           intended injury and death;

7                           (ii) individuals' ability to use guns for  
8                           self-defense, hunting, and recreation; and

9                           (iii) the gun industry; and

10                   (C) to educate and train researchers in the  
11           field of violence, including gun violence, re-  
12           search.

13                   (2) NATIONAL CENTER FOR VIOLENCE RE-  
14           SEARCH.—The Director of the National Science  
15           Foundation shall award grants on a competitive  
16           basis to institutions of higher education or nonprofit  
17           organizations (or consortia of such institutions or or-  
18           ganizations) to establish one or more centers to con-  
19           duct multidisciplinary research and education activi-  
20           ties in support of the goals and priorities of the Pro-  
21           gram (to be known as “National Center for Violence  
22           Research”).

23                   (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
24           There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out



1       this subsection \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
2       2022 through 2027.

3       (b) NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND  
4       TECHNOLOGY.—

5               (1) VOLUNTARY CONSENSUS STANDARDS.—The  
6       Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Director  
7       of the National Institute of Standards and Tech-  
8       nology, shall establish a program to promote the de-  
9       velopment of voluntary consensus gun safety tech-  
10      nical standards. Such effort shall include—

11               (A) outreach, coordination, and technical  
12      support to relevant industry and nonindustry  
13      stakeholders and standards development organi-  
14      zations to assist such entities in the develop-  
15      ment of voluntary consensus gun safety tech-  
16      nical standards;

17               (B) the conduct of research to support ef-  
18      forts to develop and improve such standards  
19      and conformity assessment; and

20               (C) the development of such standard ref-  
21      erence material as the Director determines is  
22      necessary to further the development of such  
23      standards.

24       (2) PROHIBITION ON REGULATION.—Nothing in  
25      this Act shall be construed as conferring upon the

1 Secretary of Commerce any authority to establish or  
2 enforce mandatory gun safety standards.

3 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
5 this subsection \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
6 2022 through 2027.

7 (c) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERV-  
8 ICES.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
10 Human Services, acting through the Director of the  
11 National Institutes of Health, the Director of the  
12 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and  
13 other scientific agencies within the Department of  
14 Health and Human Services, shall award grants on  
15 a competitive basis to conduct or support research  
16 into the nature, causes, consequences, and preven-  
17 tion of gun violence.

18 (2) APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to  
19 be appropriated to the Secretary of Health and  
20 Human Services to carry out this subsection  
21 \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through  
22 2027.

23 (d) DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.—

24 (1) RESEARCH.—The Attorney General of the  
25 United States, acting through the National Institute

1 of Justice, shall conduct or sponsor research into the  
2 nature, causes, consequences, and prevention of gun  
3 violence.

4 (2) COMPETITION.—The Attorney General of  
5 the United States, acting through the National In-  
6 stitute of Justice, shall sponsor an inducement prize  
7 competition under section 24 of the Stevenson-  
8 Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15  
9 U.S.C. 3719) to demonstrate through testing and  
10 evaluation the reliability of guns and gun accessories  
11 with integrated advanced gun safety technology  
12 (commonly referred to as smart guns, user-author-  
13 ized handguns, childproof guns, and personalized  
14 guns).

15 (3) TRACE DATA.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180  
17 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
18 the Attorney General, in collaboration with the  
19 Secretary of the Department of Health and  
20 Human Services, shall develop consensus proto-  
21 cols for granting researchers access to gun  
22 trace data while protecting the confidentiality of  
23 gun owners and dealers.

24 (B) DATA SHARING.—Not later than 1  
25 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the

1 Attorney General, acting through the Bureau of  
2 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives,  
3 shall commence sharing with researchers ac-  
4 cording to the protocols developed under sub-  
5 paragraph (A), the contents of the Firearms  
6 Trace System database and information re-  
7 quired to be kept by licensees pursuant to sec-  
8 tion 923(g) of title 18, United States Code, or  
9 required to be reported pursuant to paragraphs  
10 (3) and (7) of such section 923(g).

11 (4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

12 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
13 this subsection \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
14 2022 through 2027.

15 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

16 In this Act:

17 (1) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means  
18 the Director of the Office of Science and Technology  
19 Policy.

20 (2) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The  
21 term “institution of higher education” has the  
22 meaning given such term in section 101 of the High-  
23 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

1           (3) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means  
2           the National Gun Violence Research Program estab-  
3           lished under section 5.

