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Dear Governor Bill Lee and members of the Tennessee General Assembly,

As faith leaders, we encourage you, our elected leaders, to take steps that will help protect our kids and our cherished individual rights. In Tennessee, firearms are the leading cause of death among kids and teenagers, and 59% of gun deaths are self-inflicted wounds. Today, we come together to support a reasonable response to the violence in our State. We support Governor Lee's investment in school safety and funding, and ask legislators to also take these steps:

1. Allow authorities to temporarily remove guns from those who pose a risk to themselves or others by implementing Extreme Risk Laws.
2. Keep guns away from dangerous people by requiring background checks on all purchases and closing the background check loophole.
3. Stop firearms from falling into the wrong hands by requiring gun owners to provide safe storage and report lost and stolen guns.

Together, we agree on much more than we disagree and can work together to build a safer Tennessee. Offering our collective public support will help us all do the next right thing as we heal together.

I stand with other Faith Leaders for a Safer Tennessee.

Sincerely,



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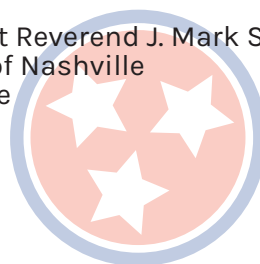
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