

## New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC

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*Be Part of the GFWC's Recognize the Red Campaign!*

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One of the main goals of the GFWC 2018-2020 Administration is for GFWC members to use legislative action to become a network of grassroots advocates working together to improve the lives of club members, their communities, our nation, and the global community. We will work to establish the GFWC brand with the members of the United States and State Legislatures by the "RECOGNIZE THE RED" campaign.

The "RECOGNIZE THE RED" campaign started at the Region Conferences this past fall, when members voted for the two bills they wanted GFWC to work on. If you get GFWC's weekly *New & Notes*, you already know that the votes have been counted and the two bills that GFWC will be working on to become laws are Miranda's Law and the 3D Printed Gun Safety Act.

### **Miranda's Law, H.R. 6518**

Introduced in both the House and Senate, "Miranda's Law" aims to keep unsafe school bus drivers off the road. This legislation would require real-time alerts for every school district across the country and trigger driver infractions to a database monitored by the federal Department of Transportation. Under current federal regulations, employers of school bus drivers are required to check their employees' driving history records annually. If a driver fails to self-report a DUI, reckless driving, or a license suspension, it could be up to 364 days before a school district or motor carrier obtains that information.

*What Do We Have to Do?*

Join GFWC in supporting Miranda's Law and ensuring that those behind the wheel of school buses are safe drivers. Contact your U.S. Representative to request that the bill be voted out of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and state that you want it posted for a vote on the House floor. *Sign it in red!*

### **3D Printed Gun Safety Act, H.R. 6649; S3304**

This law would prohibit the publication of 3D printer plans for the printing of firearms. Because 3D printing allows individuals to make their own firearms out of plastic, they may be able to evade detection by metal detectors at security checkpoints, increasing the risk that a firearm will be used to commit violence on an airplane or other area where people congregate.

*What Do We Have to Do?*

Contact your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators; tell them you want the bills voted out of their respective Judiciary Committees and you want them posted for a vote on the floor of the House/Senate.

### **HOW TO TAKE ACTION:**

For easy to use already generated emails to your representatives based on your zip code, go to the **GFWC Legislative Action Center**. If you haven't already used this, here's how to get started:

1. Go to [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org) and on the top bar, click on *What We Do* to get a drop-down menu
2. In the drop-down menu, under Public Policy, click on Legislative Action Center
3. At the end of the first paragraph, click on *Click here to visit the Legislative Action Center*
4. On the right hand side, under Join the Legislative Action Center, click the *Join Now* button
5. Fill in your information and check both *Remember Me* and *Email Opt-in* so that you will get email alerts from time to time.

OR, for snail-mail and email, addresses of elected officials listed can be located online at [www.Congress.gov](http://www.Congress.gov) for the US congressional delegation.