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**BRUNSWICK COUNTY DEMOCRATS CALL ON THE CONGRESS  
AND THE NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT  
FAIR, SENSIBLE GUN SAFETY LAWS**

The Brunswick County Democratic Party is today calling on our U.S. Congress and the North Carolina Legislature to take action to enact fair, sensible gun safety laws, including measures to keep military-style assault weapons out of the hands of citizens.

In a statement approved overwhelmingly by County Democratic leaders at their monthly meeting on June 9, they voiced strong support for the enactment of laws--including an assault weapons ban—to curb the epidemic of mass shootings and gun violence.

In its just-released statement, County Democrats said:

*The Brunswick County Democratic Party fully supports the s proposals to Congress before to enact fair, sensible gun safety laws that protect human life without violating the U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment.*

*Congress needs to act now to ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines used by the killers in Uvalde, Buffalo and so many other places to murder innocent human beings. Congress must also expand and strengthen background checks, enact safe storage statutes, approve new red-flag laws and repeal the onerous immunity from liability the \$70 billion firearms industry currently enjoys.*

The statement further noted that “the vast majority of Americans, including responsible gun owners, support the proposals before Congress. Nearly two in three Americans — 63% — support banning assault-style weapons, according to a recent PEW Research poll. The Brunswick County Democratic Party stands with these Americans.”

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## ***Brunswick Democrats Demand Action 2-2-2***

The Brunswick Democrats also suggested that there are actions local Brunswick citizens can take, such as asking local merchants to stop selling assault-style weapons, and pointed to a particularly egregious local sales effort:

*Last Friday's edition of the StarNews included an advertising supplement from Sportsman's Warehouse promoting a Father's Day sale. The front page of the supplement prominently featured an AR-15 assault-type weapon on special. Apparently, the owners of **Sportsman's Warehouse** believe a weapon designed to kill human beings is the perfect gift for Father's Day.*

*Such ads — appearing while our nation and much of the world are focused on families in Uvalde, as they lay to rest 19 children and two wonderful teachers mowed down by an 18-year-old firing an assault-style weapon — are beyond tone deaf. They're inexcusable and offensive.*

The Democrat's statement also asked that the media, like the StarNews, “consider the content of advertising before distributing it.”

“Most of all,” the statement concluded, “we must demand that our U.S. Congress and our North Carolina General Assembly take action. Together, we must send a loud and clear message to all of our legislators: Unless you work to pass strong measures to end mass shootings, **we will not vote for you. Enough.**”

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***Brunswick Democratic Statement Attached***