



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## 75<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 35

**Primary Sponsor:** Bettley, Carter

**Co-Sponsor(s):** Allgoever, Anandjiwala, Chehaitli, DuChêne, Fineout, Folwell, Kariher, LoBianco, Maglin, Rivers, Salazar

**Whereas:** Gun violence is an imminent threat to current and future generations at Florida State University, and

**Whereas:** More than 40,000 Americans die by guns in an average year, with guns being the number one killer of children and teens, and

**Whereas:** Florida has a rate of 13.3 deaths per 100,000 people, with an average of 2,989 gun deaths each year, and

**Whereas:** Gun violence costs Florida \$40.3 billion each year, of which \$875.9 million is paid by taxpayers, and

**Whereas:** Guns inflict generational harm; the cost of gun deaths and injury in the United States is \$557.2 billion each year, and gun violence has untold effects on the economy at large, and

**Whereas:** Florida State University prides itself on responsible stewardship, diversity, and engaged community, and

**Whereas:** Florida State University's endowment should not be invested in companies that do not align with the values and goals indicated in Florida State University's Mission Statement, and

**Whereas:** Gun manufacturers, such as Smith & Wesson and Sturm, Ruger & Company (Ruger), innovate to make their products deadlier — not safer—produce military-style weapons and market them to civilians, including children and teens, and refuse to take responsibility for the fact that millions of guns — their products — are obtained by criminals and used in crimes, and

**Whereas:** Data released in 2023 by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF) revealed that gun manufacturer Glock was the largest supplier of crime guns recovered by law enforcement in the U.S, and

**Whereas:** We must align our investments with our values, and

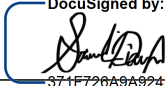
**Whereas:** Florida State University's students and college students throughout the nation have been at the forefront of eliminating gun violence, therefore

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** The Florida State University Student Government calls upon the university to not invest endowment funds in gun and ammunition manufacturers, leading other colleges and universities throughout the country to do the same.

**Be it further resolved that:** Florida State University Student Government urges Florida State University to not invest in firearm and ammunition manufacturers.

**Be it lastly resolved that:** A copy of this resolution be sent to:  
Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University  
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice-President of Student Affairs  
Jim Clark, Provost and Executive Vice-President of Academic Affairs  
Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President

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**Student Senate President**  
**Senate Vote: PASSED BY ACCLIMATION**  
**PASSED: April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**