

Support Statements from across Kentucky

Kirsten Russell

Daughter of Ruth Perkins who was killed by her mentally ill son in April of 2018

The reason I wholeheartedly support the passage of the CARR Law in Kentucky is incredibly personal. This law could have saved my mother's life.



Mac Brown

Business Executive and Former Chairman of the Republican Party of Kentucky

I do not see CARR as legislation that takes away our right but rather one that protects our right, the right to Life. I ask that the members of this joint committee and the remaining members of the House and Senate seriously consider the ramifications the problem mental health is causing society and pass this bill.

Dr. Maryanne Elliott

Wife of Tommy Elliott who died in the 4/10/23 Mass shooting at Old National Bank

CARR provides a compassionate approach to crisis intervention, and I know it will save lives from suicide and more.



Jason Hall

Executive Director of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky

As a pro-life Kentuckian, I believe it is a moral imperative that we find effective ways to save lives threatened by gun violence.

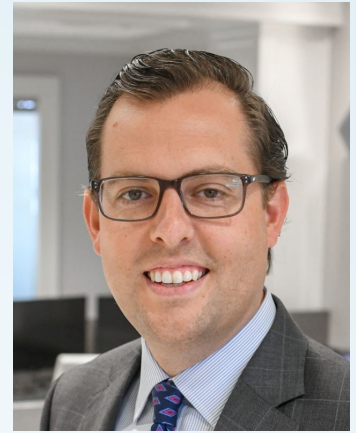
Impetus

As a diverse group of education, faith, and business leaders from Louisville, we know too well that public safety is directly tied to a thriving and successful city. At the same time, we've heard from our brave men and women in law enforcement that they are exhausted with being out armed by civilians and they need new policy solutions to support their work to keep our city safe. It is for these reasons that we urge lawmakers to support CARR, a critical piece of legislation.

Nate Haney

CEO, Entrepreneur, and Former Republican Strategist

My family and I wholeheartedly support Whitney/Strong and its efforts to protect innocent lives through CARR. We live in a fallen, imperfect world and CARR is a useful tool to help circumvent the suicide and homicide of innocent people. We are honored to support Whitney/Strong as it has meaningful conversations to bring about positive change which ultimately will make our communities safer.



Jeff Barrick

Brother to Josh Barrick who died in the 4/10/23 mass shooting at Old National Bank

This shooting and the loss of Josh has darkened our lives forever. Gun violence is tearing lives apart. One side blames mental health, while the other blames guns for these senseless tragedies. Let's come together and address both with this bill that truly makes sense. It allows family and friends the ability to seek help for the transfer of firearms away from an individual who is suffering from a mental health crisis so they can get the help they need before a tragedy ensues.



Dr. Sheila Schuster

Psychologist and Mental Health Advocate

The research is very clear: when a firearm is available to an individual who is in crisis and experiencing suicidal ideation, it is the most frequent source of deaths by suicide (55% in 2021). We also know that these individuals, if they are not successful in their suicide attempt, will often not attempt suicide again. CARR legislation would make it possible for family members and others close to the individual to notify law enforcement to have the guns transferred at the time of crisis, thus saving lives.



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