

CCBC-Brady Campaign Summer Break Action Event - Aug 11, 2016:

Message: Americans are paying the price for Congress' inaction. Congress is so dysfunctional that most Americans probably haven't even noticed they are on vacation, because the results have been the same – Nothing. While members of Congress are soaking up the sun during a particularly long recess, 90 Americans are dying every single day. In fact, during the “August recess” which they started in July, an estimated 4,500 lives will be taken by gun violence. Congress must get back to work and when they do, stopping gun violence MUST be its top priority. Survivors are demanding it.

SPECIFIC TO CRESCENT HARDY:

- *Rep. Hardy was given the chance to vote for legislation that would have gone a long way towards keeping guns out of the hands of people we all agree shouldn't have them. But he didn't do that. Instead, he chose to once again defend the indefensible. He picked the corporate gun lobby over the citizens that sent him to Washington to represent them.*
- *Because of his poor judgment, about 4,500 more Americans will die from gun violence. And guess who bears a disproportionate brunt of that violence? The Black Community. That's who. Congressman Hardy has made it clear that we aren't being given a seat at his table--so we've brought our own folding chairs. Because we can't wait until he changes his mind. We demand common sense gun reform now.*
- *There are some very simple things that Rep. Hardy could be doing to help stem the crisis of gun violence.*
 - *1. First, he could push to see that anyone--ANYONE--who wants to buy a gun has to go through a completed Brady background check. Instead, he has no problem allowing people who are too dangerous to fly to buy any gun they want--and any ammunition. No questions asked. We say that's wrong--No Fly, No Buy.*
 - *We want him to co-sponsor HR 3411, the “Fix Gun Checks Act” which would expand background checks and close some of the most damaging loopholes that hand guns to dangerous racists like Dylann Roof who senselessly murdered 9 of our African American brothers and sisters while that worshipped*

our Lord; and haters like Omar Mateen who slaughtered 49 LGBT Americans.

- *2. Second--and this one is important to our community--Rep. Hardy needs to ensure that gun dealers are doing their job in keeping guns from dangerous people. Did you know that 5% of gun dealers provide 90% of crime guns in America? The NRA-bought congress made sure that the federal government doesn't go after the few Bad Apple Gun Dealers who are responsible for so many of the guns that are used in crime.*
 - *We want him to call on Attorney General Loretta Lynch to go after the bad apple gun dealers who sell the guns that wreak havoc on our community.*
- *3. Third, we want him to pledge to invite us to the table. Hear the stories of mothers and fathers--sisters and brothers--who have been affected by gun violence. Hear our stories--and then show some loyalty to the citizens of this district by publicly committing say ENOUGH of stranglehold that the NRA and gun lobby has on our federal government.*
- *Gun lobbyist have a seat at the table, and we're curious to know why Rep Hardy continues to ignore the majority of his constituents, in a district with the highest percentage of African Americans living in Nevada. We're here demanding a seat at the table.*

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After weeks of doing nothing about gun violence in the wake of the nation's deadliest mass shooting, politicians in Washington packed their bags and called it a day – jetting off for a 52-day vacation.

Congress is so dysfunctional that most Americans probably haven't even noticed they were gone, because the results have been the same – Nothing. And Americans are paying the price for that inaction daily with their lives.

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Congress must get back to work and when they do, stopping gun violence **MUST** be the top priority.

But when it comes to gun reform and gun violence, victims and everyday Americans are denied their seat at the table in Congress, while corporate gun lobby’s pay big bucks for their seat at the table.

And we’ve had #ENOUGH of that. As the first African American woman elected to Congress, Shirley Chisholm, once said, “If they don’t give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair.” In Nevada, the Clark County Black Caucus is doing exactly that. With our “folding chair” in tow our delegation is representing hundreds of members, demanding a seat at the table, and Brady and supporters across the country are doing the same.