



NUNS AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE
IS A COALITION OF
CATHOLIC SISTERS AND THEIR ALLIES
THAT AFFIRMS THE VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE THROUGH
PRAYER,
EDUCATION,
AND ADVOCACY
FOR COMMON SENSE, EVIDENCE-BASED,
GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION.

The shooting in Lewiston was the [565th mass shooting this year](#) and the deadliest one yet, with 18 people killed and 13 wounded, several still in critical condition. As with so many of these events, the weapon of choice was an assault-style rifle, a military-grade firearm designed to kill as many people as quickly as possible.

Following the [recent announcement](#) of Maine Representative Jared Golden (D-02) reversing his long-held opposition to an Assault Weapons Ban, we call on Maine Senators Susan Collins and Angus King, as well as the other Congressional holdouts, to do so the same.

In the House, 5 Democrats and all Republicans do not support [HR 698, the Assault Weapons Ban of 2023](#). In the Senate, 4 Democrats, 2 Independents, and 49 Republicans have yet to cosponsor the companion bill [S 25](#).

You can check both your [Representatives](#) and [Senators](#)' positions on the Assault Weapons Ban here, courtesy of [Newtown Action Alliance](#) or use this [one-click Action Alert from the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas](#) to send them a direct message based on their stance.

As people of faith, we believe in prayer, understanding it is not an empty, pious slogan but a practice that compels action for the common good: Prayer that sustains us in the hard work of advocacy for local and federal gun legislation. Prayer that manifests in support for the healing of survivors. Prayer that enlightens the minds and stirs the hearts of recalcitrant legislators that have failed to act for too long. Prayer that aligns our energies with God's desire for the safety, security, and flourishing of all life.