

Julie Johnson is the only candidate for District 32 who passed laws to end gun violence. That's why she's been supported by Moms Demand Action, Gun Sense Voter, Everytown Action, and is endorsed now by well-known gun reform advocates like Former Congressman from El Paso, Beto O'Rourke. During 3 terms in the Texas House, Rep. Johnson earned her F rating from the NRA because she voted against their bills 17 times.

Rep. Johnson co-authored the only *assault weapon* gun control legislation to advance in Texas in years, which would raise the minimum age to purchase certain semi-automatic rifles from 18 to 21. [[HB 2744](#)]

Authored Bill Requiring Additional Reporting to NICS for Convicted Domestic Abusers. On May 9, 2023, the Texas House PASSED (94-41) HB 544, which would have required additional reporting for convicted domestic abusers trying to purchase firearms. Julie Johnson authored and voted for the bill. [[HB 544](#), [5/9/23](#)]

Served on the House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety. In 2019, Julie Johnson was appointed by Speaker Dennis Bonnen “to a newly-formed committee tasked with finding solutions to prevent mass violence and improve safety in the state.” Julie visited with grieving families and survivors of gun violence across the state and informed her 2023 bill, HB 544, with their testimony.

Supports Red Flag Laws, Raising Minimum Age. Johnson has said she supports “raising the minimum age for buying a firearm to 21, as well as instituting red flag laws to help keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people.” [Dallas Morning News, 10/10/22]

Coauthored Bill Increasing Criminal Penalty for Mass Shooters. On Apr. 14, 2023, the Texas House unanimously PASSED HB 165, which increases the criminal penalty for aggravated assault for a person who commits the assault as part of a mass shooting. Julie Johnson voted for the bill. [[HB 165](#), [4/14/23](#)]

Coauthored Bill Creating Database for Firearm Transfers. In 2023, Julie Johnson coauthored HB 220, which would have created a database for peace officers or court officers to examine firearm transfers and determine if a license was previously suspended or revoked. [[HB 220](#)]

Coauthored Bill Requiring NICS Check for Private Firearm Transfers. In 2023, Julie Johnson coauthored HB 236, which would have required a national instant criminal background check for private firearm transfers. [[HB 236](#)]

Coauthored Bill Implementing a Public Education Effort for Safe Storage Program. On May 11, 2023, the Texas House PASSED (89-49) HB 2242, which would have directed “DPS and TxDOT to implement a plan to provide relevant info on safe storage of firearms for the DPS ‘Keep ‘Em Safe Texas’ Gun Storage campaign.” [[HB 2242](#), [5/11/23](#); Texas Metro News, 5/8/23]

Against Expanding School Marshal Program. On May 8, 2019, the Texas House PASSED (97-46) HB 1397, which expanded the School Marshal Program, allowing teachers and other school staff to be armed. Julie Johnson voted against the bill. [[HB 1397](#), [5/8/19](#)]