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Texas Democratic Party Releases Testimonial from Allen Shooting Survivor and Impromptu First Responder

Video features Steven Spainhouer, a retired Texas law enforcement official, describing the horror he witnessed in Allen

Spainhouer calls for common sense gun safety legislation, including universal background checks and “red flag” laws

AUSTIN, Texas -- Today, the Texas Democratic Party released [a video testimonial](#) from Steven Spainhouer – a retired Texas law enforcement official – describing the horror he witnessed in Allen during Saturday’s mass shooting, as well as recounting his efforts to help triage victims of the shooting.

In [the video](#), Spainhouer also calls for common sense gun safety legislation, including universal background checks and “red flag” laws, to be implemented in Texas.



Click [here](#) or on the video above to watch Spainhouer’s full testimonial.

Spainhouer, who is a veteran, a gun owner, and also serves on the State Democratic Executive Committee (SDEC), notes that in this latest shooting, Texas Republicans pulled out their usual playbook and deflected once again – pivoting away from real solutions and choosing to lean into offering prayers or obliquely discussing “mental

health.” (As a reminder, Greg Abbott and Texas Republicans [cut mental health funding by \\$211 million](#) last year alone).

Yesterday, Texas Democrats released [our list of five common sense gun safety proposals](#) that need to be progressed before the end of the current Legislative Session – along with a list of other gun safety bills filed by Democrats that Republicans have failed to act on. These priority proposals include:

- Universal, stringent, thorough background checks with no private sale – or “gun show” – loopholes
- Reasonable waiting periods to purchase a firearm
- Raising the age to 21 to purchase any firearm in Texas
- Extreme Risk Protection Orders – a.k.a. a “Red Flag” Law
- Strict requirements for safe firearm storage

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