

1 [Urging the Biden Administration to Close the Dating Partner Loophole]

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3 **Resolution urging the Biden Administration to close the dating partner loophole**  
4 **through Executive Action.**  
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6 WHEREAS, Every day, more than 110 Americans are killed by gun violence, and more  
7 than 200 are shot and wounded; and

8 WHEREAS, On average, there are more than 40,000 gun deaths and more than  
9 15,000 gun homicides each year; and

10 WHEREAS, Women in the United States are 28 times more likely to be killed with a  
11 gun than women in other like-countries; and

12 WHEREAS, Each month, 70 women in the United States are shot and killed by an  
13 intimate partner, and many more are shot and wounded; and

14 WHEREAS, Nearly one million women in the United States alive today have been shot  
15 or shot at by an intimate partner and approximately 3.7 million women in the United States  
16 alive today have been threatened with a gun by an intimate partner; and

17 WHEREAS, Access to a gun in a domestic violence situation makes it five times more  
18 likely that a woman will be killed; and

19 WHEREAS, Men who abuse women go on to kill others as well, in at least 53 percent of  
20 mass shootings between 2009 and 2020, the perpetrator shot a current or former intimate  
21 partner or family member, many of whom were women and children; and

22 WHEREAS, Federal law only prohibits convicted domestic abusers from having a gun if  
23 they are married to, live with, have children with, or are “similarly situated” to their victim, this  
24 dangerously excludes dating partners; and  
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1           WHEREAS, The share of homicides committed by dating partners has steadily  
2 increased for three decades and now women are as likely to be killed by dating partners as by  
3 spouses; and

4           WHEREAS, States that prohibit domestic abusers from possessing guns have seen a  
5 13 percent reduction in intimate partner firearm homicide rates; now, therefore be it,

6           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes the legitimate threat to public  
7 health and safety that gun violence has on communities nationwide; and be it

8           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges President Joseph R. Biden to close  
9 the dating partner loophole through Executive Action, and urges Members of Congress to  
10 support it as well; and, be it

11          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board  
12 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla, Speaker  
13 Nancy Pelosi, and Representative Jackie Speier upon passage.