

RESOLUTION OPPOSING U.S. SENATE BILL 446 AND SUPPORTING SENSIBLE GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION IN NEW JERSEY

- WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has enacted various laws to minimize the incidence of gun violence; and
- WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has laws that require background checks for certain gun sales, preclude individuals convicted of domestic violence crimes from owning or possessing guns, require a permit for concealed carry, and require proof of safety training prior to becoming eligible for a concealed carry permit; and
- WHEREAS, the school shootings at the Parkland School in Broward County, Florida, on February 14, 2018, and at the Great Mills High School in St. Mary's County, Maryland, on March 20, 2018, have raised concerns in our community about the safety of students and teachers; and
- WHEREAS, the West Windsor Township council expresses our sincere for the loss of life and injuries sustained as a result of the shootings in Florida and Maryland; and
- WHEREAS, the West Windsor Township Council expresses our deepest support for and appreciation of the bravery of the first responders who protect our communities from gun violence at great risk to our own lives; and
- WHEREAS, the United States Senate Judiciary Committee is presently considering S.446, known as the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017, which would require all states to grant concealed carry reciprocity regardless of each state's individual laws; and
- WHEREAS, there are states in the United States that do not require permits or safety training for the concealed carry of guns as is required in New Jersey; and
- WHEREAS, S.446, requiring Concealed Carry Reciprocity, would allow residents of other states to engage in the concealed carry of their guns in the State of New Jersey, regardless of whether they were required to undergo safety training or obtain a permit; and
- WHEREAS, S.446 would override current New Jersey law and would pose a serious impediment to the enforcement of New Jersey law in our Township and our State; and
- WHEREAS, the West Windsor Township Council is committed to reassuring our residents that we share their worries and concerns and that we fully support the enforcement of New Jersey law.

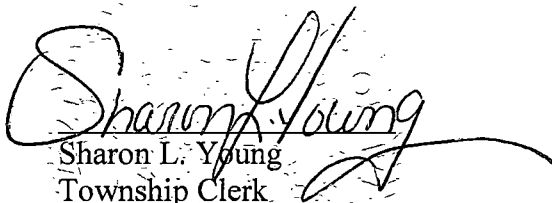
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Windsor, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that we encourage our U.S. Senators to oppose S.446 in that it overrides New Jersey State law by requiring concealed carry reciprocity among states; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the West Windsor Township Council is committed to preventing gun violence in our Township and in our State, and we urge our State legislature to support sensible gun control legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to President Donald J. Trump, Senator Robert Menendez, Senator Cory Booker, Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, the members of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, and our State representatives Senator Shirley Turner, Assemblyman Reed Gusciora, and Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson.

Adopted: March 26, 2018

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the West Windsor Township Council at their meeting held on the 26th day of March 2018.


Sharon L. Young
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township