

## Moms Demand Action - and get plenty of support in protest of U.S. guns laws



Moms Demand Action, an organization gathering signatures for congress to change gun laws, had a very successful outing in Montclair this weekend.

People gathered to share their support - and concerns - with guns in the United States as about 30 gathered on a brisk fall Saturday.

Kristen Walk, who organized the event, said the response to this grass roots movement is solid.

"We had about 30 people stop by our awareness and tabling event," said Wald. "We collected signatures for a letter to the six remaining US Congressmen from NJ to urge them to support HR-1565 (expanded background checks) in honor of National Domestic Violence month. We were emphasizing the NINE American shot and killed by their intimate partners EACH WEEK. (Hence the 9s held by people in the photos.) Children colored in construction paper Nines, and those handmade and child-colored nines will accompany the letters to Congressman Frelinghuysen's office, as well as the other five on our list."

On hand to support Walk and the entire group were Montclair Deputy Mayor Bob Russo and Councilman Sean Spiller.

Russo said he is deeply committed to supporting Moms Demand Action.

"I'm a strong supporter of this group and S.O.F.I.A.," said Russo. "We need to stop the use of guns in domestic violence situations. I want tougher gun control legislation, something which our Governor has not signed."

People attending the event came by from The Caldwell, Belleville, Montclair, Glen Ridge, and Clifton.

Much like Mothers Against Drunk Driving was created to change laws regarding drunk driving, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America ([www.momsdemandaction.org](http://www.momsdemandaction.org)) was created to build support for common-sense gun legislation.

The nonpartisan grassroots movement of American mothers is demanding new and stronger solutions to lax gun laws and loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our children and families. In just seven months, the organization has more than 100,000 members with chapters in 40 states across the country.