



IMPACT REPORT 2025



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A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Texas Gun Sense was founded on a simple belief: gun violence is preventable, and the people closest to the problem must lead the solutions. At a moment when fear and division too often dominate the conversation, coming together and speaking up is more important than ever. Since 2007 — when survivors of the Virginia Tech shooting helped spark our work — our movement has grown into a statewide force for safety and change.

In 2025, that legacy translated into real impact. Thousands of Texans took action, hundreds showed up in communities and at the Capitol, and lawmakers heard directly from our incredible advocates and responsible gun owners demanding common-sense gun safety.

Today, our programs tell our story: TGS Rising Leaders equips young Texans to organize and engage policymakers, while Texas Healthcare Partners for Gun Sense mobilizes trusted medical voices to address gun violence as a public health crisis. Looking ahead, our focus is on building power and strengthening coalitions to prepare for the next Texas Legislative Session.

Thank you for being part of the movement to build a safer Texas.

Nicole Golden



MISSION, VISION, & VALUES

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to prevent gun violence and other gun tragedies in Texas through education, partnerships, and policy change. We achieve this mission through a multi-faceted approach centering around education, collaboration and advocacy.

OUR VISION

We envision a future where all communities are safe from gun violence. Over the years, TGS has grown to combine legislative advocacy with community-driven gun safety initiatives. Our work spans a wide range of programs and actions that create real impact in communities and drive progress both inside and outside of the Texas Capitol.

OUR VALUES

Evidence | Community | Respect | Solidarity | Creativity | Collaboration

IMPACT & ACTION

In 2025, TGS supporters showed up where it mattered most. Hundreds of advocates filled the Capitol for Advocacy Day, pushing lawmakers to act — and winning a new requirement that schools share secure firearm storage information with families three times each year.

We also stood strong against extremism. When Kyle Rittenhouse testified in support of SB 1362, an anti-ERPO that makes Texans less safe, we shared the facts and defended fact-based policy. Our movement helped defeat the majority of harmful gun bills, proving that organized Texans can stop dangerous legislation and move safety forward.

“We can fix the gun violence in this country if we want to - if we only had a little bit of empathy.”

-State Senator Roland Gutierrez



Your support makes this work possible. YOU are paving the way for a safer Texas. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD

With your support, Texas Gun Sense is building a powerful, statewide movement for a safer Texas — uniting young people, healthcare professionals, gun owners, survivors, and communities across the state to demand change.

In 2025, that movement translated into real action. **Thousands** of supporters contacted lawmakers, nearly **1,200** Texans participated in Texas Gun Sense events, and our team and volunteers showed up at the Capitol more than **70 times** during the 89th Legislative Session to advocate for common-sense gun safety policies.

This work is being driven by those closest to the issue. **TGS Rising Leaders** is empowering young people to organize and engage policymakers, while **Texas Healthcare Partners for Gun Sense** is mobilizing trusted medical voices to treat gun violence as the public health crisis it is.

Looking ahead, our focus is on **building momentum** toward the 2027 Texas Legislative Session — expanding our base, strengthening coalitions, and continuing the fight for policies that protect our communities, including safe firearm storage and raising the age to purchase semi-automatic rifles.

We could not do this work without you. Together, we will keep working toward a safer Texas.

BY THE NUMBERS

9,000

supporters sent
emails to lawmakers

700

supporters checked their
lawmaker's scorecard

7,000

supporters used a TGS
resource or toolkit

530

advocates attended TGS
webinars & trainings

400

advocates showed up at the
Capitol for Advocacy Day

200

advocates attended
TGS' Fall Fundraiser

**Thousands of people like you taking action helped
defeat the majority of harmful gun bills.**

MEET THE TEAM



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