

# Democrat Denyse Wang Stoneback Delivers Real Results, NOT Empty Talk

Denyse is a gun violence prevention champion who has worked to prevent gun violence for nearly a decade. As an activist, Denyse:

- Founded and led **People for a Safer Society**, an Illinois nonprofit to reduce gun violence
- Helped pass **assault weapons bans** in Skokie, Evanston, and Morton Grove
- Was instrumental in **stopping the largest firearms facility of the Midwest** from locating near Niles West High School
- Helped build the **Illinois Gun Violence Prevention Coalition**
- Helped pass **landmark legislation in Springfield**

In her first term as a legislator, Denyse:

- **Passed a major bill to strengthen Illinois' Firearms Restraining Order** to prevent mass shootings, hate crimes, domestic-violence related homicides, as well as firearm suicides by closing loopholes in the original law and educating law enforcement and the general public on its use.
- Introduced a bill to require law enforcement to follow best practices regarding ballistic evidence procedures and use the FBI's National Crime Information Center
- Supported as chief cosponsor and helped pass in the House a bill to **require mandatory fingerprinting** for all FOID card holders\*
- Introduced a bill to combat the interstate and intrastate trafficking of firearms
- Championed **microstamping of firearms** in Illinois to help law enforcement hold criminals accountable
- **Funded law enforcement and public safety** to keep our communities safe



>>> \*A watered-down version of this bill, backed by the gun lobby, allowed for **voluntary** fingerprints instead of **mandatory** fingerprinting for background checks. Denyse stood up for the stronger bill by abstaining from voting and she is continuing to fight for mandatory fingerprinting.

Evidence-based data shows that mandatory fingerprinting is a critical provision for this type of law, as seen in the "Policies to Reduce Gun Violence in Illinois" report by the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research. Scan the code below to read the study:



# Denyse Wang Stoneback passed a bill to strengthen Illinois' red flag law—the Firearms Restraining Order



Even before she was a legislator, **Denyse helped pass Illinois' red flag law—the Firearms Restraining Order—as an activist.** Illinois' Firearms Restraining Order (FRO) Act was designed to prevent the next mass shooting, hate crime, or gun suicide by temporarily removing firearms from individuals in crisis who pose a significant risk to themselves or others.

**In her first year as a legislator, Denyse passed House Bill 1092** strengthening the FRO by including yearly training for law enforcement on its use and creating an education campaign for the general public through the Department of Public Health to promote awareness.

The bill expands the categories of petitioners to include former spouses and people with a minor child in common. When a FRO is granted, this bill will ensure that firearms—and now ammunition and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm—are removed in a timely manner.

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“I am incredibly thankful for the work and leadership by Representative Stoneback to get this bill on the Governor’s desk. House Bill 1092 will improve public awareness, as well as bolster police training, which will help result in tangible reforms to save lives.”

— Illinois House Speaker Emanuel “Chris” Welch, August 13, 2021

Pritzker signs Stoneback bill “to strengthen the existing Firearms Restraining Order Act in Illinois.”

Center Square, 8/16/21

Stoneback “helped pass a measure mandating the development of training for law enforcement and a program to educate the public”

Wall Street Journal, 11/15/21

“Stoneback... helped pass a bill to fund \$1 million in state outreach and awareness campaigns about Illinois' [red flag] law...”

CBS News, 6/6/22

“Fort Hood, Texas, 2009. Thirteen dead and more than 30 injured. Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., 2018. Seventeen dead, 17 injured. In both places, countless others suffering with invisible wounds. Red flag laws could have stopped both these shooters.”

— President Biden, June 2, 2022

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