US president calls for stronger gun laws following Sacramento mass shooting

In the wake of an early Sunday shooting in Sacramento that killed six and injured 12 people, US President Joe Biden said that "we must do more than mourn," calling on Congress to strengthen gun laws at the federal level.

In his statement issued by the White House, President Biden condemned gun violence, writing that "America once again mourns for another community devastated by gun violence."

"I want to thank the first responders in Sacramento, and all those across the United States, who act every day to save lives. We know these lives were not the only lives impacted by gun violence last night. And we equally mourn for those victims and families who do not make national headlines," reads the statement.

"But we must do more than mourn; we must act . That is why my Administration has taken historic executive action to implement my comprehensive gun crime reduction strategy — from standing up gun trafficking strike forces to helping cities across the country expand community violence interventions and hire more police officers for community policing," he wrote.

The president reiterated his call on Congress to act. "Ban ghost guns. Require background checks for all gun sales. Ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. Repeal gun manufacturers' immunity from liability. Pass my budget proposal, which would give cities more of the funding they need to fund the police and fund the crime prevention and intervention strategies that can make our cities safer. These are just a few of the steps Congress urgently needs to take to save lives," the presidential statement reads.

According to Sacramento police, a brawl preceded the shooting perpetrated by several aggressors. There has been no information on the suspects or their motives.

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