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**NEWTOWN ACTION ALLIANCE AND NEWTOWN FOUNDATION
ANNOUNCE PARTICIPATION IN
“CONCERT ACROSS AMERICA TO END GUN VIOLENCE”**

*Nationwide Event to be held Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016
The Alternate Routes and Stephen Kellogg to Perform*

(NEWTOWN, CT – September 8, 2016) The Newtown Action Alliance and Newtown Foundation have announced their participation in a national Concert Across America to End Gun Violence, scheduled for Sunday, September 25, 2016. The Alternate Routes (<http://thealternateroutes.com/>) with special guest Stephen Kellogg (<http://www.stephenkellogg.com/>) will perform at 5:30 pm at The Acoustic (2926 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT), one of hundreds of concerts held across the U.S., each connected via social media and online at www.RememberSept25.org.

“We are thrilled to support this important concert event that will shine a nationwide spotlight on the epidemic of gun violence in the U.S.,” said Po Murray, chairwoman of Newtown Action Alliance and Newtown Foundation. “It’s inconceivable that despite more than 110,000 gun deaths since the Sandy Hook tragedy, Congress has repeatedly failed to enact common sense gun safety legislation. With national elections just around the corner, it’s time for all of us to out-shout the gun lobby and make our votes count by electing officials who will take a meaningful stand against gun violence.”

John Rosenthal, chairman of the Concert Across America to End Gun Violence, added: “As a country, we’ve had enough: enough senseless violence, enough unnecessary deaths, enough excuses from politicians. That’s what this concert is about – getting people across the nation, in their local communities, to band together, mobilize with music and be heard in one, unified voice against gun violence.”



Passionate advocates of gun violence prevention, The Alternate Routes will perform their hit “Somewhere in America,” a song written by band member Eric Donnelly in response to the tragic death of his parents at the hands of a gunman. “The song was me trying to say

something’s gotta change,” Eric said. “My story’s ten years old, and another story like it happened today, and another one is going to happen tomorrow. It’s not preachy or political, but the longer we wait, the more this is happening.”

For more information about the Concert Across America to End Gun Violence, visit (www.remembersept25.org).

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About Newtown Action Alliance:

The Newtown Action Alliance (www.newtownaction.org) is a grassroots organization formed after the tragic shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School. It works to make America’s children, families, and all citizens safer through legislative and cultural change that will reduce gun violence.

About The Newtown Foundation:

The Newtown Foundation provides comfort, education, scholarship and other support and resources to people and communities impacted by or living in the aftermath of gun violence in American society, and to help them lead the way toward positive cultural change.

About the Concert Across America:

The Concert Across America will take place on Sept. 25, the date designated by Congress in 2007 as a day of remembrance for murder victims. This nationwide event will bring together a network of organizations, activists and artists with the dual goals of keeping guns out of dangerous hands and making the issue of illegal guns top of mind for members of Congress, the presidential candidates, and the American people as they go to the polls in November 2016. Boston was the first city to announce, spearheaded by [Stop Handgun Violence](http://www.stophandgunviolence.org). For more information visit www.RememberSept25.org.