



Boulder Faculty Assembly

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

BFA **Executive Committee** Notice of Motion
CU System Ban on Concealed Carry Weapons
BFA-R-1-03.01.23

The University of Colorado Board of Regents must take the necessary measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of the University of Colorado System. Banning concealed carry across all University of Colorado campuses will reaffirm past Regent policy that existed for over 40 years. Students, staff, faculty, and community members alike support this life-saving measure. As the representatives of the faculty, the University of Colorado Boulder Faculty Assembly calls on the Board of Regents to prioritize the safety of the communities they govern with respect to gun safety.

Whereas, gun violence is a public health epidemic¹ that affects the University of Colorado community and the United States as a whole, and;

Whereas, a University is a space of free and open debate that can only take place without fear of bodily harm, and;

Whereas, the presence of a firearm increases the likelihood of injury or death^{2,3,4,5}, and;

Whereas, Faculty have expressed concern regarding the concealed carry policy on campus⁶, and;

Whereas, the University of Colorado Boulder Student Government (CUSG) passed resolution 97 LCR 08 *A Resolution Calling on the University of Colorado Board of Regents to Ban Concealed Carry*, which the Boulder Faculty Assembly voted overwhelmingly in favor on Oct 6, 2022, and;

¹ Bauchner, H., Rivara, F.P., Bonow, R.O., Bressler, N.M., Disis, M.L.N., Heckers, S., Josephson, S.A., Kibbe, M.R., Piccirillo, J.F., Redberg, R.F. and Rhee, J.S., 2017. Death by gun violence—a public health crisis. *JAMA psychiatry*, 74(12), pp.1195-1196. <https://doi.org/10.1001/jamapsychiatry.2017.3616>.

² Bushman, B.J. and Romer, D., 2021. The Weapons Effect. In: Dodson, N.A. (eds) *Adolescent Gun Violence Prevention: Clinical and Public Health Solutions*, pp.29-38. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-84710-4_3.

³ Benjamin Jr, A.J. and Bushman, B.J., 2016. The weapons priming effect. *Current opinion in psychology*, 12, pp.45-48. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.copsy.2016.05.003>.

⁴ Stroebe, W., 2016. Firearm availability and violent death: The need for a culture change in attitudes toward guns. *Analyses of social issues and public policy*, 16(1), pp.7-35. <https://doi.org/10.1111/asap.12100>

⁵ Rand Corporation, 2020. *The Science of Gun Policy*. 2nd edition. Published by the RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA. https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/research_reports/RRA200/RRA243-4/RAND_RRA243-4.pdf.

⁶ <https://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/23/education/guns-on-campus-at-university-of-colorado-causes-unease.html>.



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Whereas, the proposed ban on concealed carry is supported by the University of Colorado Boulder Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG), and the University of Colorado Boulder Staff Council⁷;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Boulder Faculty Assembly calls on the University of Colorado Board of Regents to ban concealed carry across the University of Colorado system.

Submitted by BFA Executive Committee: March 1, 2023

Approved for submission to Assembly by the BFA Executive Committee: March 2, 2023

Submitted to the BFA General Assembly: March 2, 2023

Approved by Assembly Representatives 55 in favor; 0 against; 1 abstention on: April 6, 2023

APPROVED

⁷ https://www.colorado.edu/bfa/sites/default/files/attached-files/97_lcr_08_concealed_carry.pdf.