

ITEM B.110
FOR ACTION

<i>FOR PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE USE ONLY</i>					
	A. Finance		E. Corporate Property, Legal, Finance		J. Board Nominating & Governance Subcommittee
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Subject: **Comment to the 221st GA (2014) - Overture 007 “On Taking Meaningful Action to Reduce Gun Violence – From the Presbytery of National Capital.”**

Comment to the 221st GA (2014) - Overture 038 “On Gun Violence Prevention – From the Presbytery of Hudson River.”

Recommendation:

That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board approve the following comment on Overture 007 “On Taking Meaningful Action to Reduce Gun Violence – From the Presbytery of National Capital” and Overture 038 “On Gun Violence Prevention – From the Presbytery of Hudson River.”

Comment:

Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministries are engaged in addressing the issues related eradicating gun violence in the United States in response to the 219th General Assembly (2010): <http://www.pcusa.org/resource/gun-violence-gospel-values-mobilizing-response-god/> The Presbyterian Mission Agency has developed numerous resources to equip congregations to respond to concerns about gun violence. <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/gunviolence/>

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Peacemaking Program and the Office of Public are working collaboratively to both raise awareness and promote the passing of common sense gun laws in local communities, states and the U.S. Congress. The promotion of effective advocacy strategies and ways that congregations can become involved in reducing gun violence are being promoted through the collaborative efforts of these three programs. The PC(USA) documentary "Trigger" is being promoted through Middle Governing Bodies, local congregations and community based organizations across the country. <http://triggerdoc.com/> A petition drive calling for Common Sense gun laws is continuing until national legislators pass common sense gun laws.

Overture 007 and Overture 38 affirm and support the work on addressing gun violence currently being done by the Presbyterian Mission Agency.