

Washington, D.C. – Today, Representative David Price (NC-04) gave remarks on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives reflecting on the mass shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, and calling on his colleagues to focus on actions to prevent similar tragedies. The text of Rep. Price's remarks is below.

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"Mr. Speaker We have experiences in our personal and collective lives that challenge us profoundly, forcing us to search our souls and to change our behavior. Our nation experienced such a moment on Friday, as twenty children were gunned down at Sandy Hook Elementary School, along with six teachers and administrators who were attempting to protect them.

"As we mourn and reach out to the families of Newtown, we owe the victims—and each other—serious consideration of how to prevent more Newtowns, and Auroras, and Oak Creeks, and Tuscons. We must shore up mental health outreach and support, especially for troubled young people. And as politically difficult as it may be, we must deal with the instruments of destruction—keeping deadly weapons out of the hands of violent and deranged people, and removing weapons of mass killing from our streets. The horror of Sandy Hook must overcome any temptation to accept the unacceptable or to avoid responsibility for addressing the crying need for change."

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