



**University Divestment from the Gun Industry**  
Resolution 22-23-19

**Whereas:** the Associated Students of the University of San Francisco (ASUSF) Senate has a long and proud history of progressive activism, in which divestment campaigns have been and continue to be used to affect political change, most recently in the context of fossil fuel divestment<sup>1</sup>; and

**Whereas:** as a progressive institution of higher learning, the University of San Francisco has a responsibility to invest university funds in a socially responsible manner; and

**Whereas:** according to the Gun Violence Archive, there are 130 mass shootings in the United States this year, with 3 fatal shootings occurring in schools or universities, namely Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, on February 4, Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan on February 13, and Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee on March 27<sup>2</sup>; and

**Whereas:** the gun industry uses funds and lobbyists, through the National Rifle Association, to block gun violence prevention legislation, which is supported by the American public; and

**Whereas:** the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, in 2019, declared the National Rifle Association as a domestic terrorist organization on the reason that they “exist to spread pro-gun propaganda and put weapons in the hands of those who would harm and terrorize us;”<sup>3</sup> and

**Whereas:** Father Paul J. Fitzgerald, S.J., President of the University, in a statement released after the Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay shootings, said that “we must also condemn all vicious acts of gun violence, and affirm our unity in building communities free from hate and the threat of violence;”<sup>4</sup> and

**Whereas:** Students Demand Action has called on a national student campaign to advocate for divestment from the gun industry through 1) pledging not to invest, 2) adopting a responsible investment policy, and 3) direct divestment<sup>5</sup>; and

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<sup>1</sup> [Associated Students of the University of San Francisco Senate Resolution 14-15-02](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Gun Violence Archive](#)

<sup>3</sup> ["San Francisco Declares the N.R.A. a 'Domestic Terrorist Organization'", New York Times](#)

<sup>4</sup> ["Senseless acts of gun violence in Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay"](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Students Demand Action](#)



**Whereas:** other universities, including the University of California system, have adopted publicly-disclosed guidelines that prohibit their Investment Offices from investing in companies that manufacture firearms;<sup>6</sup> and

**Whereas:** for the purposes of this resolution, the gun industry is defined as companies whose primary business is the sale or manufacturing of ammunition, firearms, or firearm accessories for civilian purposes; therefore, be it

**Resolved by the Associated Students of the University of San Francisco Senate in its role as the sole representative body of all the undergraduate students of the University of San Francisco, that the following be enacted:**

**Resolved:** the Investment Committee develop a plan to divest all current, if any, university funds invested in the gun industry and execute said plans as soon as financially viable; furthermore, be it

**Resolved:** the Investment Committee, when considering new investments, adopt a policy that blocks future investments in the gun industry.

**Submitted by:**

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**Supported by:**

[Students Demand Action](#), *University of San Francisco Chapter*<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>6</sup>["A Resolution to Divest from Gun Industries", University of California Students Association](#)

<sup>7</sup> Students Demand Action is a national grassroots volunteer initiative, created by and for teens and young adults, a network within Everytown for Gun Safety, to channel the energy and passion of high school and college-aged students into the fight against gun violence. The University of San Francisco chapter was established in Spring 2023.



**Signed by:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ethan Lee-Bellows'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Ethan' being more prominent than the last name.

Ethan Lee-Bellows,  
ASUSF President



### **Appendix I: List of the Largest Firearms Manufacturers in the United States**

The top 30 firearms manufacturers claim 90% of the market share in the United States:<sup>8</sup>

1. Smith & Wesson
2. Sturm, Ruger & Co. Inc.
3. SIG SAUER Inc.
4. GLOCK Inc.
5. Springfield Armory Inc.
6. O.F. Mossberg/Maverick Arms
7. Heritage Mfg. Inc.
8. Henry USA
9. Kimber Mfg. Inc.
10. KelTec Weapons
11. SCCY Firearms
12. Legacy Sports Intl. Inc.
13. Diamondback Firearms
14. Beretta USA Corp.
15. FN America
16. Taurus Intl. Mfg. Inc.
17. Palmetto State Armory
18. Colt's Mfg. Co.
19. Strassel's Machine Inc. (Hi-Point)
20. Radical Firearms
21. American Tactical Inc.
22. Daniel Defense
23. North American Arms Inc.
24. Bond Arms Inc.
25. Keystone Sporting Arms
26. Century Arms Inc.
27. CZ-USA
28. Del-Ton Inc.
29. Browning Arms Co.
30. Black Rain Ordnance Inc.

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<sup>8</sup> [US Firearms Industry Report 2022](#)