

# Coalition to Keep Guns Off Campus Announces Protest

**By Emily Walton**

Boise, ID - The Coalition to Keep Guns Off Campus announced an event on the steps of the Capitol on Thursday, February 27th at 12:30pm. The coalition is made up of students, student associations, professors, parents and community members who oppose SB 1254.

One of the event organizers, Bryan Vlok, Student Body President of Boise State University (BSU) stated: "There isn't one major stakeholder in Idaho who supports SB 1254. From the Idaho State Board of Education to the Idaho Chiefs of Police Association, Idahoans have made it clear they don't want this bill passed."

Max Cowan, the Student Body President of University of Idaho, stated: "This is an issue that affects students directly and we'd like this decision made close to home, on our campuses."

Cassie Sullivan, Student Body Vice President of BSU stated: "Regardless of which political party we affiliate with, we agree that this bill isn't for the benefit of student campuses. It is difficult to understand the basis our legislators are using to support SB 1254, it is clearly not representative of the constituents it affects."

Another organizer, Emily Walton stated: "When you have the Presidents of Idaho's colleges and universities opposing SB 1254 but they're ignored, it's clear the legislature isn't listening to the people who have a stake in this matter."

The students will also be delivering approximately 2,500 signatures from Idahoans who oppose this bill to the House State Affairs hearing on SB 1254 Friday at 8am.

## **Coalition members opposing SB 1254:**

Associated Students of North Idaho College  
Associated Students of University of Idaho  
Associated Students of Boise State University  
Associated Students of Lewis-Clark State College  
The Campaign to Keep Guns off Campus  
Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America Idaho Chapter

## **Presidents from these Colleges and Universities oppose SB 1254:**

North Idaho College  
University of Idaho  
Boise State University  
Idaho State University  
College of Western Idaho  
College of Southern Idaho  
Eastern Idaho Technical College  
Lewis-Clark State College

## **Faculty organizations that have issued statements opposing SB 1254:**

Lewis-Clark State College Faculty Senate  
University of Idaho Faculty Senate  
Boise State University Faculty Senate

North Idaho College Faculty Assembly

**Statewide organizations opposing SB 1254:**

Idaho State Board of Education

Idaho Chiefs of Police Association