

## **Ruth Hoffman Biography**

Ruth Hoffman is a member of the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area and currently serves as the Co-Chair of the LWV of Virginia's Gun Safety Task Force. Mrs. Hoffman is recognized for her expertise in gun violence prevention policy. She was instrumental, through her research on the rising risk of gun violence in Virginia, in securing a Resolution at the League of Women Voters of Virginia's Convention in May 2015. The Resolution authorizes the League to lobby for stronger gun laws in Virginia, especially with respect to protecting children and protective orders in domestic and family violence situations.

She is also a volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America serving as the Virginia Chapter's Membership Lead for two years and now leads the Be SMART campaign for Virginia. Moms Demand Action was founded on December 15, 2012, in response to the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, Connecticut. A chapter now exists in all 50 states.

Mrs. Hoffman has worked in Washington D.C for the last 14 years in public policy. This experience has given her a birds eye view into the pivotal intersection involving politics, media, and grass root advocacy and the strategies used to influence public opinion and outcomes.

Mrs. Hoffman is a native of Kansas and a graduate from Washburn University of Topeka. She resides in McLean with her husband, Jay, and their two daughters.

