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RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN

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Dear RISD Community,

With the mass shooting in California on Wednesday—the 307th in the U.S. this year alone—and the general reality of rampant gun violence that plagues America, we feel the need for RISD to respond in a unique way that transcends simple statements of values and sympathy. We believe it is essential that we not normalize these horrific events, but rather continue to examine the ways in which gun violence affects each of us.

Given our position, we are opening a call to all members of our community to reflect on issues of gun violence by making an object, text or image. We ask that you email your work, or send a photograph of it, to sei@risd.edu by Monday, December 3rd. After receiving all submissions, we will create a digital quilt that will be projected in a public space on campus (details on the exact location will be forthcoming).

As artists, designers, thinkers and scholars we play a crucial role in helping shape and form perspective in society—and this is an opportunity for RISD as a community to articulate a collective response to this critical social issue. It isn't enough to simply believe in freedom and peace. We must fight for these principles every day using the multi-lingual voices and creative acts of artists and designers.



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