



Gun Violence Prevention Challenge Summit & Hack-a-thon

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Kristen F. Bauer served until recently as a senior American diplomat, with 27 years' experience in the United States Foreign Service. She crafted policies and programs to promote democracy and human rights, counter violent extremism and foster inclusive economic growth. She oversaw thousands of staff members and millions of dollars in grants and budgets in cross cultural settings. She decided to leave the Foreign Service in response to the current political environment in order to contribute to promoting change at home. She is currently a leader in the newly formed Boston Group of Moms Demand Action for Gun Violence and a Commissioner on the Arlington Human Rights Commission.

In the Foreign Service, Kristen Bauer served as Deputy Chief of Mission (Deputy Ambassador) at the U.S. Embassy in the Republic of the Union of Burma from 2015 to 2017. Previously, Ms. Bauer served as the Deputy Chief of Mission in Jakarta, Indonesia, Deputy Chief of Mission in Vientiane, Laos, and as Consul General in Surabaya, Indonesia. She also held diplomatic posts in U.S. missions in Norway, South Africa, Vietnam, United Kingdom, and Thailand. Her languages include: Thai, Lao, Indonesian, German and Spanish.

Ms. Bauer earned her B.A. in history and international relations from Randolph Macon Woman's College, Virginia, in 1984, and her J.D. from Yale Law School, Connecticut, in 1987. Before joining the Foreign Service, she practiced law in Boston working for a non-profit organization representing asylum seekers and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in public health.

Ms. Bauer is married to Tung Huynh and they have two children.