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**CHAIRMAN MENDELSON'S STATEMENT ON PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTION AFFECTING DISTRICT'S LICENSE TO CARRY LAW**

WASHINGTON, DC – Phil Mendelson, Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, issued the following statement regarding the preliminary injunction issued today in *Grace v District of Columbia*, enjoining the District from enforcing the “good reason” requirement of the District’s license to carry a handgun law.

“Just two months after obtaining a favorable ruling from the same court on the same provision, the District must again defend a regulatory system modeled after several other jurisdictions that has withstood constitutional challenges in federal courts,” Mendelson stated. “This provision has been in the law since 1857 in the District, and has withstood other constitutional challenges. The District should appeal this order, as it has done *successfully* in the past.”

Mendelson continued: “The regulations were painstakingly crafted to meet the requirements and the jurisprudence on this issue, and the unique public safety needs of the District.”

Though our firearms regulations have been the subject of considerable scrutiny, on the whole our laws and regulations have been found to comport with the requirements of the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. While the “good reason” requirement has been challenged by this recent order, it is important to note that the remainder of our concealed carry regulations remains unaffected.

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