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CHAIRMAN MENDELSON DENOUNCES CONGRESSIONAL EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE GUN CONTROL IN THE DISTRICT

WASHINGTON, DC – DC Council Chairman Phil Mendelson today criticized the slew of Republican bills recently introduced in Congress that would eliminate gun control in the District.

“This Republican offensive against DC gun laws is shameful,” Mendelson stated. “At a time when the nation is still healing from the mass murders in Orlando and elsewhere, GOP lawmakers are trying to politicize this tragic event in the nation’s capital. The only consequence, should they be successful, is that the citizens of, and visitors to, the District will be less safe.”

“Notwithstanding the rhetoric about the Constitution, our laws have repeatedly been upheld. And despite the rhetoric stating the only way to stop ‘a bad guy with a gun, is a good guy with a gun,’ the research is clear: relaxed gun laws lead to increased murders, suicides and accidental deaths.”

Representative David Schweikert’s (R-AZ) amendment eliminates requirements that those applying for a carry permit show ‘good reason’ for carrying. At the same time, Representative Thomas Massie (R-KY), introduced two amendments -- one eliminates the District’s enhanced penalties for carrying firearms near schools and other “gun-free” zones; a second prohibits the District government from spending its money on enforcing local gun laws.

“If these Congressmen are so earnest, then why don’t they start where they have the most influence – on the Hill,” Mendelson added. “Repeal the prohibitions on gun-carrying in the Capitol.”

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