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City of Columbus Announces Victory in Preserving Gun Safety Laws

10th District Court of Appeals Rules Gun Rights Groups Can't Sue City

COLUMBUS, OH—Today, the 10th District Court of Appeals ruled in Columbus' favor in a lawsuit filed against the City of Columbus over their gun safety measures passed in 2018. The Court ruled that gun rights groups did not have standing to sue the City. As a result, now both the ban on bump stocks and the misdemeanor Weapons Under Disability (WUD) law to keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers are in full effect in the City of Columbus.

"Since the passage of Columbus' gun safety ordinances, we have been in a long legal battle to protect them," said City Attorney Zach Klein. "We will continue to fight and prove that both the ban on bump stocks and our law that keeps guns out of the hands of domestic abusers are common-sense safety measures that are not preempted by state law. We are pleased with the Appellate Court's decision today, and are glad these protections will be in place for our community."

"We look forward to continuing to support the City in defending its efforts to enact sensible ordinances to prevent future gun violence," said Eric Tirschwell of Everytown Law.

Everytown Law serves as co-counsel to the City of Columbus in the lawsuit.

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