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City Attorney Zach Klein Issues Statement as U.S. Supreme Court Upholds Federal Rules on Ghost Guns

*Says ghost guns have concerned law enforcement and threaten public safety,
and commonsense regulations help keep these dangerous weapons out of the
hands of violent criminals*

COLUMBUS, OH— Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today issued a statement following the U.S. Supreme Court’s 7-2 decision to uphold federal regulations on ghost guns issued by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The 2022 ATF rule requires ghost gun makers to include serial numbers on kits and to perform background checks on individuals who purchase them. City Attorney Klein joined other cities from across the country to file an amicus brief urging the Supreme Court to uphold the rule while it was before the Court.

Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein’s statement:

“Ghost guns present an emerging threat to law enforcement and public safety, so I applaud the Supreme Court’s decision to uphold federal rules that require serial numbers and background checks for the purchase of these kits,” said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein.

“Without commonsense regulations, these weapons would be untraceable and anyone would be able to obtain them—including violent criminals, domestic abusers, and those who have no regard for the law or human life. This decision is a win for public safety and law enforcement who continue to recover more of these weapons on our streets.”