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Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein Statement on Latest Developments in City's Efforts to Promote Commonsense Gun Safety

*City Attorney Klein says state officials continue to dance around court decision
saying prohibition on local gun measures is unconstitutional*

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today issued a statement on the latest developments in the City's ongoing fight to enact meaningful gun safety measures to protect public safety, reduce violence and prevent gun deaths in Columbus.

The State of Ohio Wednesday filed a lawsuit in the Fairfield County Common Pleas Court to block several gun safety measures passed by Columbus City Council. City Attorney Klein noted, however, that the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas has already issued a preliminary determination that the state law prohibiting local gun safety measures is unconstitutional and that filing the same issues in another court altogether is improper.

“The Attorney General didn't like the decision out of Franklin County so now he's judge shopping over in Fairfield County hoping he gets a decision he likes. That's not how this works. It's like a kid getting told no by one parent, but then going to the other to see if they say something else. The fact remains that the State is bound by the preliminary determination that Ohio's gun safety pre-emption is unconstitutional.

“Even on the 10th anniversary of the tragic shooting that saw 20 school children and six staff members gunned down at Sandy Hook Elementary School, the State continues its assault on any and all measures that would keep our kids and communities safe. We will continue to advocate aggressively for the City's ability to enact commonsense gun safety measures. There's too much at stake.”

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