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Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein Statement on Latest Developments in Gun Lawsuit

*Says stay in court proceedings does not affect preliminary injunction allowing
Columbus to move forward with discussion on gun safety legislation*

COLUMBUS, OH— Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein issued a statement as Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Judge Stephen L. McIntosh ordered a stay in the proceedings of a [lawsuit](#) filed by the City of Columbus challenging a state law prohibiting cities from enacting any gun safety ordinances. The stay puts on hold any proceedings in Common Pleas Court while the state makes its appeal before the 10th District Court of Appeals. Both the city and the state agree that the stay does not affect the [preliminary injunction handed down](#) by Judge McIntosh last week temporarily blocking the law. The City of Columbus is still free to move forward with commonsense gun safety proposals.

Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein’s statement is below:

“Judge McIntosh ordered a stay on any proceedings before his court while the state continues its appeals process at the 10th District Court of Appeals. Both the city and the state agree that this stay does not affect is the city’s ability to move forward with taking real, meaningful action to address gun violence in our community. The preliminary injunction remains in effect and the legislative calendar being laid out by leaders at City Hall remains unchanged. The City Attorney’s Office is ready to continue this lawsuit once the stay is lifted so that we can make the injunction against the State’s unconstitutional firearms law permanent.”

[A copy of the Court’s order to stay proceedings in the city’s lawsuit is attached.](#)

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