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Everytown for Gun Safety Joins Columbus City Attorney in Legal Defense of Gun Reforms

Everytown will serve as co-counsel in Columbus' litigation to protect recent regulations

COLUMBUS, OH—Today, Friday, June 29th, Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein announced a partnership between the City Attorney's Office and *Everytown for Gun Safety*, the largest gun violence prevention organization in the country. Everytown's litigation team will provide pro-bono legal support and serve as co-counsel alongside the City of Columbus as they defend a legal challenge to their gun ordinances.

"Everytown is well known for their commitment to working to reduce gun violence in communities all across America," said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. "Their offer to join our team on a pro-bono basis will help us best utilize all available resources as we work to vigorously defend the laws we carefully crafted just a few months ago. We welcome their support and look forward to working hand in hand with their team."

Earlier this month, opponents of the gun reforms filed a lawsuit which seeks to overturn Columbus' recently passed laws to criminalize gun possession for individuals with violent criminal histories, like domestic abusers, as well as make "bump stocks" illegal in the City of Columbus.

"We welcome the opportunity to stand side by side with Columbus and the City Attorney in defending the city's legal authority to enact and enforce gun safety ordinances consistent with state law," said Eric Tirschwell, Litigation Director for Everytown for Gun Safety.

Later today, the City of Columbus will file a response opposing the plaintiff's motion. The first hearing for a preliminary injunction will take place July 9th, 2018.

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