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**Martin Joins Mayors Against Illegal Guns, National Bipartisan Coalition of Mayors Committed to Reducing Gun Violence**

STAMFORD, CT - Mayor David Martin today joined Mayors Against Illegal Guns, the national bipartisan coalition of mayors across the United States fighting for common-sense gun laws that will save lives by keeping illegal guns out of dangerous hands. The Mayor was joined by representatives from Mayors Against Illegal Guns, The ENOUGH Campaign, Brady Campaign, Moms Demand Action, Connecticut Against Gun Violence, and Women on Watch.

“Gun violence shakes the foundation of our community. It tears apart families and paralyzes our neighborhoods. It cannot be tolerated,” Martin said. “I stand here today to communicate a simple message: It is time to end gun violence. Enough is enough.”

Members of Mayors Against Illegal Guns include Democrats, Republicans, and Independents in big cities and small towns alike. While their backgrounds may differ, on the issue of gun violence they are united for the sake of public safety. The coalition recently announced that it has joined forces with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America – solidifying a nationwide movement of Americans working together to end gun violence.

At the announcement, Martin pledged to take a tough stand against illegal guns and gun violence. Since 2011, Stamford Police have seized over 1,300 weapons through a combination of strong enforcement and gun buybacks. As part of the City’s continuing efforts, Martin announced that the Stamford Police will be holding another gun buyback event on Saturday, March 29 at the West Side Substation.

Every day 33 Americans are killed by guns – Mayor Martin and his fellow coalition members are not willing to stand idly by. Mayors Against Illegal Guns has advocated for stronger gun laws in states and localities that are already keeping guns from dangerous hands.

The coalition has also called on Washington to take meaningful action to address the issue of gun violence in America, and they will continue to do so until progress is made. This includes:

- Requiring every gun buyer to pass a criminal background check.

- Submitting records of prohibited purchasers to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).
- Making gun trafficking a federal crime.
- Passing stronger laws that keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers and protect victims of domestic violence.

At the announcement, Mayor Martin also urged residents to take action and get involved with one of the several organizations working to end gun violence.

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