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City Attorney Zach Klein Files Motion for Judgement in Lawsuit Challenging State Restrictions on Local Gun Safety Measures

Files for summary judgement over state restrictions that prevent police and prosecutors from doing their jobs and make Ohio communities less safe

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced that the City of Columbus has filed a motion for summary judgement in its ongoing lawsuit challenging a state law prohibiting local communities from passing any gun-related safety measures, including commonsense ideas that the vast majority of Ohioans support like safe storage laws. The 10th District Court of Appeals recently sent the case back to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas to resume proceedings in the case.

The City won a preliminary judgement in late 2022 and passed a number of gun safety measures, which have been on hold for a number of months as the State and NRA-backed groups challenged the ordinances in court.

A statement from Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein is below:

“We are seeking a ruling in our favor so that we can get back to doing the People’s work—enacting and enforcing commonsense measures that allow police and prosecutors to do their jobs and keep our kids and communities safe.

“The City is ready to defend its right to decide what laws make sense for us here at the local level as we do our part to curb gun violence, get weapons out of the hands of individuals who have no regard for human lives or the rule of law, and improve public safety.

“Every day that we’re blocked from enforcing safe storage or other commonsense laws on the books makes our neighborhoods and communities less safe. Residents are calling on us to do something to address gun violence. The law and the public are on our side, and we look forward to making our case to the Court so that we can give police and prosecutors the tools they need to uphold the law and hold accountable those who threaten public health and safety.”

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