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Activists Call on Justice Department to Give Law Enforcement Crime Gun Data

Attorney General Addresses ATF with Plans to Reduce Violent Crimes While Keeping Law Enforcement in the Dark

(Washington DC): Representatives from New Yorkers Against Gun Violence, Million Mom March, Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence and Protest Easy Guns gathered to call on the Justice Department to support repeal of Tiahrt Restrictions that have kept crime gun information from law enforcement for the last four years.

Jackie Kuhls, Executive Director, New Yorkers Against Gun Violence said, "The Tiahrt Amendments in the ATF approprations bill have kept vital information from law enforcement officers across the country. It keeps police focused only on the end result of crime and does not allow preventive efforts such as finding and prosecuting gun traffickers.

Law enforcement from around the nation are asking for repeal of the Tiahrt restrictions including more than 200 mayors in over 40 states, 10 national law enforcement organizations including the Major Cities Chiefs Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, International Brotherhood of Police Officers and the Police Foundation, 22 state and regional law enforcement associations and 171 individual local law enforcement executives.

Edie Smith, President, New York State Million Mom March said, "The Attorney General's plans for targeting violent crime include a focus on a few cities and increased penalties. He did not address the need to coordinate law enforcement efforts and share data, steps that are vital to making a significant reduction in crime."

For more information on the Tiarht restrictions, please see www.protectpolice.org

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