STATEMENT OF THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS PRESIDENT
PHILADELPHIA MAYOR MICHAEL NUTTER
ON THIS MORNING’S MASS SHOOTING IN NEWTON

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Conference of Mayors President Philadelphia (PA) Mayor Michael A. Nutter today issued the following statement on the Connecticut school shooting:

“Again and again and again, Americans are stunned by senseless acts of violence involving guns. Today’s tragedy targeting young children in Newtown is incomprehensible.

“On behalf of The U.S. Conference of Mayors, I send our condolences to the victims, their families, and their community. We know that Newtown First Selectman Patricia Llodra and Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy are doing everything possible today to help the community cope with so much loss and pain.

“Too many times this year, mayors have expressed shock at a mass shooting. The Conference has been calling for sensible gun laws to protect the public for more than 40 years. We hope that today’s monstrous act of gun violence finally forces this nation’s leaders to make reasonable changes in our gun laws and regulations – changes that will help prevent senseless tragedies such as the one that has rocked Newtown and the nation.

“As a country, we don’t need more debate, no more excuses. The time for action is now.”

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