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STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS, PHILADELPHIA MAYOR MICHAEL NUTTER ON BACKGROUND CHECK DEAL

Washington, DC – Mayor Michael A. Nutter issued the following statement on the bipartisan U.S. Senate agreement announced by Sens. Pat Toomey, R-PA, and Joe Manchin D-WV:

“The agreement announced today by Senator Toomey and Senator Manchin is a necessary first step toward reducing gun violence, saving lives and making our communities safer. The U.S. Conference of Mayors applauds Senators Manchin and Toomey for developing this compromise and urges all Senators to vote for it. Requiring mandatory background checks for all legal firearms transactions is just common sense. I applaud the Senator from Pennsylvania for hearing the voices of his constituents and acting on their behalf. We must maintain this momentum as we push Congress to consider this and other measures, including limiting high-capacity magazines, stiffer penalties for straw purchasers, and specifically, Senator Feinstein’s measure to ban military-style assault weapons. The goal is to get these laws to President Obama’s desk for his signature, and we must not relent in our determination until that moment arrives.”

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